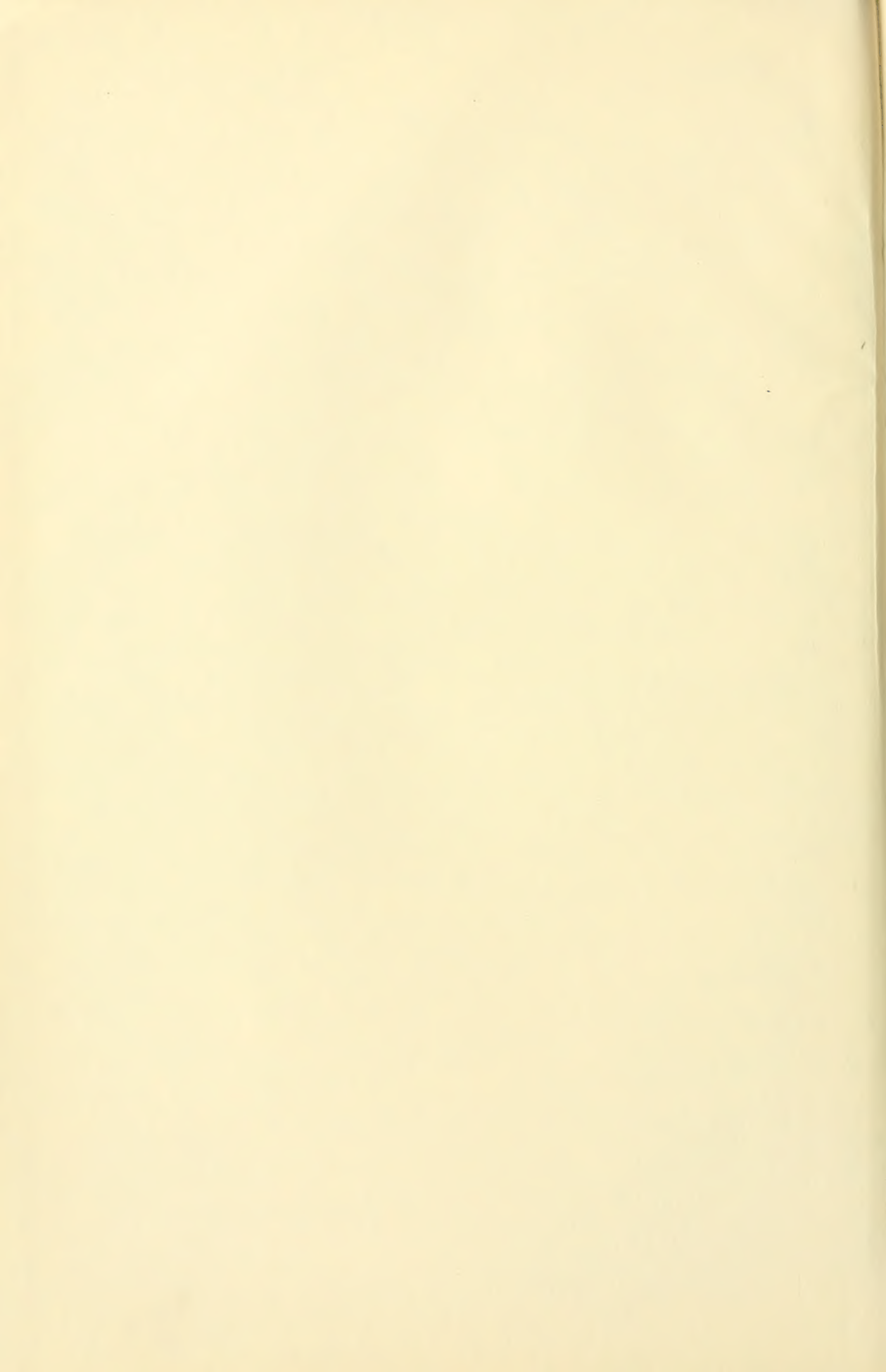
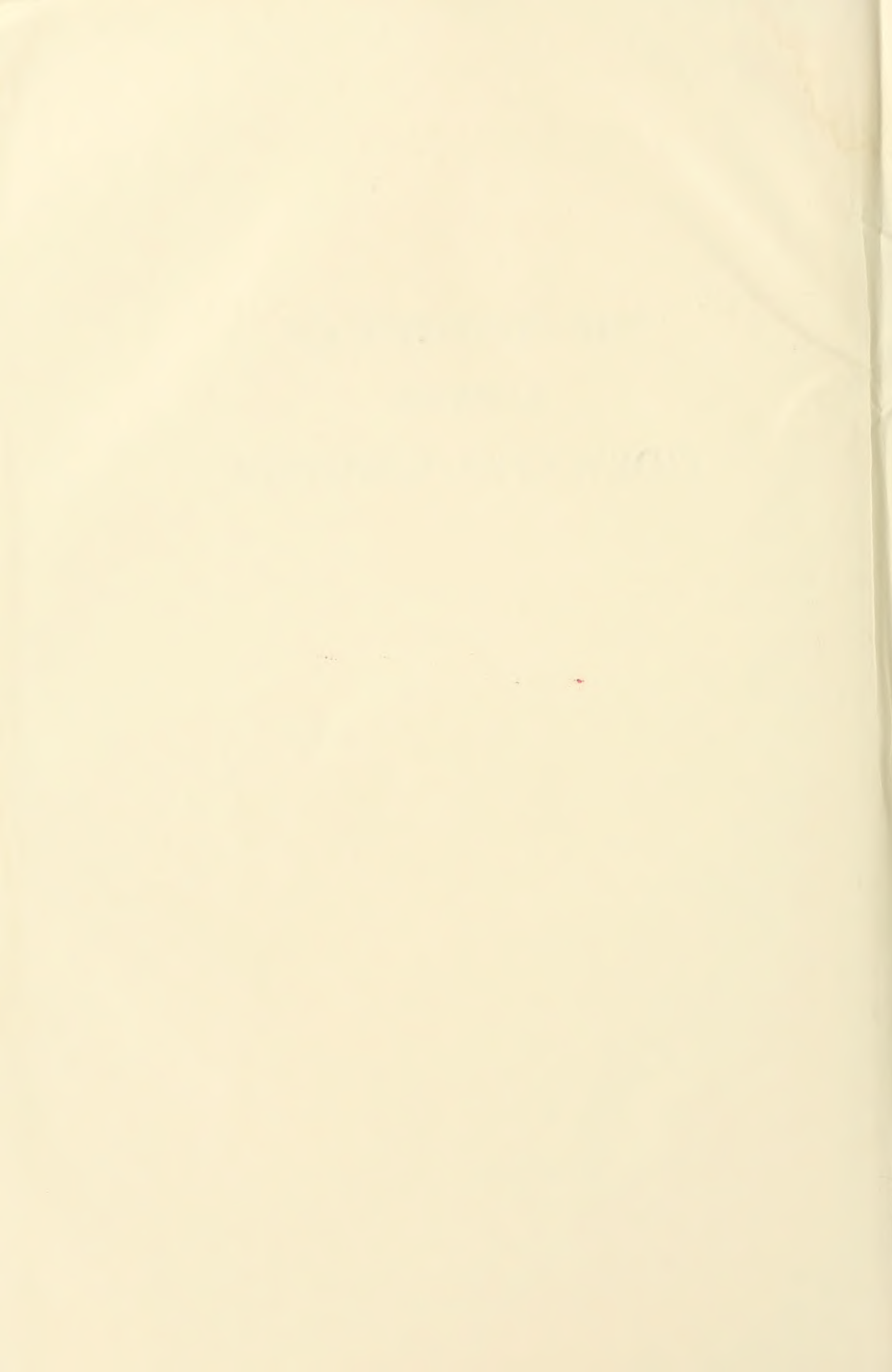


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JOHN SAMUEL ALFRIEND—Over forty years ago, John Samuel Alfriend began his career with the National Bank of Commerce, at Norfolk, and advanced steadily to the presidency of that organization, which he has held since 1942. He has held a number of other corporate connections; has served as president of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Clearing House Association; and has held a place of leadership in bankers' groups and community organizations.

Born at Norfolk on July 6, 1897, he is a son of the Reverend Richard Jeffery and Mary Emily (Hulme) Alfriend. After attending the public schools of his native city, John S. Alfriend was a student at Norfolk Academy from 1911 to 1914. He is a graduate of the American Institute of Banking.

Mr. Alfriend joined the staff of the National Bank of Commerce in 1914 as a messenger. Soon advanced to clerical positions, he engaged in such work until 1931, when he was promoted to cashier. After serving as assistant to the president in 1936-1937, he was then promoted to executive vice president and director. He became president in 1942. In addition, Mr. Alfriend is director and president of the Commerce Corporation of Norfolk. He is a director of Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia, Norfolk and Western Railway Company, and Southern Materials Company, Inc. He also serves as a trustee of the Tidewater Virginia Development Council.

As a banker, he is active in the Virginia Bankers Association, which he served as a member of its executive council in 1938-1939 and as president in 1949-1950. From 1944 to 1947, he served on the executive council of the American Bankers Association as member from Virginia, and he again held a seat on the council in 1952. He was a member of the executive committee, trust division, from 1949 to 1952, and was vice president of the Virginia branch of the national association from 1950 to 1952. He is now serving on the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association, his term being 1956-1959.

Mr. Alfriend serves on the board of visitors of Virginia Military Institute, and on the board of advisors of the College of William and Mary in Norfolk. From 1942 to 1946, he was chairman of Virginia Region I, War Finance Corporation; and he was president of the Norfolk Community Chest

in 1947-1948. In 1946 he received the King's Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom and is an honorary member of the Guild of Macebearers, England. An Episcopalian, Mr. Alfriend is Senior Warden of the Church of the Good Shepherd. He was chairman of the restoration fund for Emanuel Protestant Episcopal Church and he has served for many years as president of the trustees of the funds of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Southern Virginia. Mr. Alfriend serves on the Board of the Norfolk General Hospital. A member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, he has served as its president; and he is a member of the Norfolk Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Order of First Families of Virginia 1607-1620, the Virginia Club, German Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Princess Anne Country Club. In Richmond, he belongs to the Commonwealth Club and he is a member of the Farmington Club at Charlottesville.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Alfriend served with the 81st Company, Sixth Machine Gun Battalion, United States Marine Corps in France. Wounded in action on November 2, 1918, he receive the Purple Heart.

On June 17, 1922, John Samuel Alfriend married Harriet Lucille Sanderlin, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Anne Bolling (Mrs. John M. Abbitt, Jr.). 2. Susan Bland. The Alfriend residence is at 1420 Runnymede Road, Norfolk.

ROBERT FREDERICK BALDWIN, JR.—The full three and a half decades of Robert F. Baldwin's business career has been identified with the Norfolk real estate and insurance firm of Baldwin Brothers—now Baldwin Brothers and Taylor, Inc.—of which he is the president. He is widely known as a legislator, who for the past ten years has been state senator in the General Assembly of Virginia.

Born at Norfolk on January 22, 1900, he is a son of Robert Frederick and Elizabeth (Boykin) Baldwin. His father, who devoted his career to the real estate and insurance business, was one of the founders of the original firm of Baldwin Brothers, of which an uncle of Senator Baldwin was a co-founder. The younger Robert F. Baldwin received his early education in St. George's Elementary School in Norfolk, later attended Norfolk Academy, and graduated from Maury High School

in the same city in June 1916. He then entered the University of Virginia. There his studies were interrupted by his induction into the army in October 1918. He attended the Coast Artillery Officers Training School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, as a candidate with the rank of private, and was honorably discharged from the service in December 1918. He then resumed his studies at the University of Virginia, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in June 1919. During the scholastic year 1919-1920, he studied law there.

On leaving the university, he immediately became associated with the real estate and insurance firm of Baldwin Brothers, which had been founded by his father and uncle in 1896. He has been with this organization ever since, through its change of style to Baldwin Brothers and Taylor, Inc., which took place in 1935. He has been president since 1940. The agency has its headquarters at 116 Brooke Avenue, Norfolk.

In November 1937, Mr. Baldwin was elected a member of the House of Delegates of the Virginia General Assembly, took his seat in 1938, and served five terms through 1947. He was elected a member of the Senate in the General Assembly of Virginia in November 1947, and has served continuously in the Senate since that time. His present term expires December 31, 1959.

Mr. Baldwin is a member of Delta Psi national fraternity, The Raven Society of the University of Virginia, and Phi Beta Kappa national scholastic honor society. He also belongs to the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In his home city of Norfolk he is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Virginia Club, and out-of-town memberships include Princess Anne Country Club of Virginia Beach, the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, and Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville. Mr. Baldwin and his family attend Christ and St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church in Norfolk.

On June 4, 1938, in Norfolk, Robert Frederick Baldwin, Jr., married Myra Skinner Carr, daughter of Charles Stuart and Pattie (Skinner) Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin make their home at 1328 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Robert Frederick, 3rd, who was born in Norfolk on July 19, 1940. 2. Myra Stuart, born in that city on December 14, 1942.

MARSHALL WINGFIELD BUTT has had a lifelong interest in the history of the region in which he and his paternal ancestors, for nine generations, were born. Much of his life has been devoted to research and the preservation of that history.

A native of Portsmouth, he was born on June

26, 1896, son of James William Sumner and Maude Murray (Marshall) Butt. His father was a druggist, the proprietor of two pharmacies in Portsmouth, one located at 518 Middle Street, the other at 234 High Street. He was a son of Holt Fairfield Butt, M. D., who had served as a surgeon in the Confederate States Army; and a grandson of Robert Bruce Butt, M. D., who had served as surgeon in the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812. Both the Doctors Butt were well-known Portsmouth physicians.

Receiving his early education in the public and private schools of Portsmouth, Marshall W. Butt completed his studies at Norfolk Academy. He began his business career as an assistant to the city engineer of Portsmouth, and this was interrupted a short time afterwards when he was first called to active military duty in 1916. As a member of the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues, Virginia National Guard, he was ordered for duty in federal service on the Mexican border. Only a few weeks after he had returned home, the United States entered World War I, and he re-entered service as first sergeant of Grimes' Battery of Portsmouth. Arriving in France, he attended and graduated from Artillery School at the old French Cavalry School, Saumur, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was assigned to duty with the 102nd Field Artillery, a component of the 26th Division, and participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

After the war, Mr. Butt was employed by the United States Shipping Board in Norfolk, Washington, and New Orleans. Resigning in 1925, he established his own real estate business at Norfolk and Virginia Beach, and this he operated successfully until the economic depression, when circumstances forced him to dissolve the firm. He re-entered the shipping business in 1941, with the Old Dominion Steamship Company; and in 1947 entered federal civil service as an engineer in the design division at the Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth.

As a result of his lifetime avocational interest in the fields of historical research and library science, he was named to organize and establish the shipyard's technical library and the Shipyard Museum, both of which he now heads in the capacity of librarian and curator.

Mr. Butt served as chairman of the Portsmouth Selective Service Board from 1940 to 1955. From 1943 to 1950, he was chairman of the Portsmouth War History Committee. He served as vice chairman of the Portsmouth Bicentennial Committee in 1952; and during 1956-1957, held the post of vice chairman of the Portsmouth-Jamestown Festival Committee.

Mr. Butt is the author of various papers on

Virginia and local history, on naval history, or on library economics, which have been published as monographs or have appeared in periodicals. He is currently serving as president of the Portsmouth Historical Association, and is a member of the Virginia Historical Society, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, the Sons of the American Revolution, Church Historical Society, Naval Historical Foundation, American Association for State and Local History, Company of Military Collectors and Historians, Southeastern Museums Association and Special Libraries Association.

In connection with his home city, he is active in the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, and is vice president of the Portsmouth Assembly. A life-long member of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, he has served as a vestryman and senior warden there. He is now historiographer of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

At Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, on November 26, 1919, Marshall Wingfield Butt married Elsie Brooke Bagby, daughter of Richard Hugh and Ella Brooke (Cauthorne) Bagby. Mr. and Mrs. Butt have two children: i. Brooke Marshall, who was born on April 2, 1921. She is the wife of Edward S. Maupin, and the mother of one son: Edward Samuel Maupin, Jr. 2. Marshall Wingfield, Jr., who is a captain in the United States Army. He was born on May 29, 1925. Married to the former Miss Glenna Joyce Quinn, he has three children: i. Marshall Wingfield, 3rd. ii. Thomas Frederick. iii. Elizabeth Cameron.

Mr. Butt's address is 214 Glasgow Street, Portsmouth.

WILLIAM RUFFIN COLEMAN COCKE—

As a member of the Norfolk firm of Williams, Cocke, Worrell and Kelly, William R. C. Cocke devotes his attention particularly to those aspects of the law dealing with corporate and railroad practice. He served in a recent year as president of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association, and he is prominent in civic as well as professional affairs.

Born at Montgomery, Alabama, on December 31, 1884, he is a son of William Ruffin Coleman, Sr., and Clara Vernon (Pollard) Cocke. Completing his preparatory studies at Episcopal High School, where he was a student from 1898 to 1901, he entered Virginia Military Institute, and later transferred to the University of Virginia, where he completed both his advanced academic and his legal courses, finishing in 1909. He was admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia in that year, to the state of Washington bar the following year, and to the Alabama bar in 1913.

Mr. Cocke began his practice in the Pacific

Northwest, following his profession at Seattle from 1909 to 1913. In the latter year he returned to his native Alabama, and practiced at Birmingham until 1929. There he was a member of the firm of Johnston and Cocke, which later became Cabaniss, Johnston, Cocke, and Cabaniss, representing railroads and other utilities and industrial firms. He was general counsel for the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company at Norfolk during 1929-1930, and in the latter year became counsel for its receivers. He became general counsel of the re-organized Seaboard Air Line Railroad in 1946 and remained in that position until August 1947, when he resigned to re-enter general practice as a member of the firm of Williams, Cocke, and Tunstall. Offices are in the Citizens Bank Building. While conducting a general practice, the partners concentrate primarily on corporate railroad and insurance law. After resigning Mr. Cocke acted as special counsel for Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, until January 1, 1954. The firm is counsel for the Virginia Electric and Power Company, Virginian Railway Company, and Virginia Transit Company, and are local attorneys for a large number of insurance corporations, for Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, Southern Railway Company, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, for Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, S. S. Kresge Company, Southern Dairies, Ford Motor Company, and various other industrials. Mr. Cocke's partners are Leigh D. Williams, Lawson Worrell, Jr., Joseph L. Kelly, Jr., Jack E. Greer, and Thomas R. McNamara.

A member of the Norfolk and the Portsmouth bar associations, Mr. Cocke was president of the latter group in 1954. He is also a member of the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, the American Law Institute, and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. His social fraternity is Kappa Alpha, and he is a member of the Princess Anne Country Club and the Virginia Club. In his politics he is a Democrat.

On October 7, 1909, William R. C. Cocke married Alice Watts DuBose, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. William Ruffin Coleman. 2. Breckinridge DuBose, who is deceased. 3. Dudley DuBose, and 4. Alice Barraud, twins. Alice is married to Edward Howard Goodwin. Mr. and Mrs. Cocke live at 914 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk.

JOHN DAVIS HATCH, JR.—Currently serving as the director of the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences, John Davis Hatch, Jr., brings to his task sound scientific training, and experience as curator at several other locations, both in the East and the West. He is also the author of several studies on art and historical subjects.

Born at Oakland, California, on June 14, 1907, he is a son of the late John Davis, Sr., and Gethel (Gregg) Hatch. He completed his public school education in the state of his birth, and from 1926 to 1928 was a student at the University of California. He later took graduate courses in Oriental studies at Harvard, Near East studies at Princeton, and in 1939-1940, American studies at Yale University.

Mr. Hatch began his career as a landscape architect at Santa Barbara, California, in 1925, and continued in the same profession at Seattle in 1928. Later the same year he became executive secretary of the Seattle Art Museum, and he served as its director from 1929 to 1931. During 1930-1931, he was vice president of the Western Association of Art Museums. During the decade from 1930, he 1940, Mr. Hatch prepared himself for his career by studying at a number of art museums both in this country and abroad. Meantime, he continued to acquire practical experience, serving from 1933 to 1935 as assistant director of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. From 1935 to 1937, he surveyed traveling exhibits for the Carnegie Corporation. He was a founder of the Southern Negro Colleges' co-operative exhibit group in 1936, and served as an adviser until 1941. Mr. Hatch was a founder of the American Artists Depository in 1938. He was appointed to the Commission on American Art Studies in 1941. From that year until 1948 he was active in various fund campaigns.

In 1950 Mr. Hatch came to Norfolk and assumed his duties as director of the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences. He established the American Drawing Annual in 1940, and has worked on the compilation of several works including "Historic Church Silver in the Southern Diocese of Virginia" (1952); and "Historic Survey of Painting in Canada." He was the editor of "Parnassus" (1937-1939); "Early American Industries Chronicle" (1942-1949); and "Albany County (N.Y.) Historical Association Record" (1941-1948). He is a member of the American Association of Museums.

Mr. Hatch serves as trustee of Phelps-Stokes Corporation, and of the Nevada Company. He is a member of the Virginia Club of Norfolk and the Grolier Club of New York, and is a former vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

On October 14, 1939, John Davis Hatch, Jr., married Olivia Phelps Stokes, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. John Davis, 3rd. 2. Daniel Lindley. 3. James Stokes. 4. Sarah Stokes. The family lives at 700 Raleigh Avenue, Norfolk.

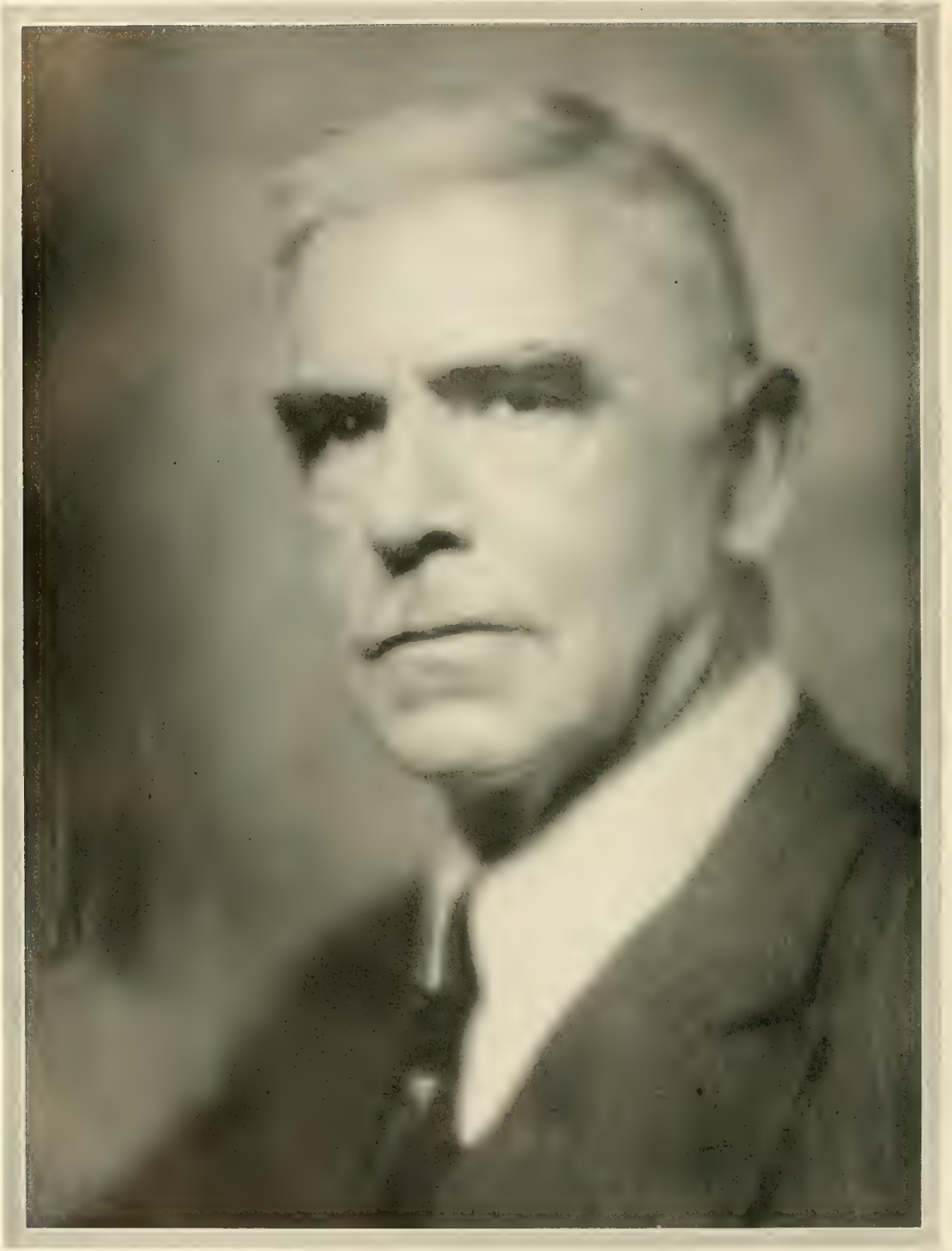
JOHN LONSDALE ROPER, 2nd—As president and general manager of the Norfolk Ship-

building and Dry Dock Corporation, John Lonsdale Roper, 2nd, heads an important industrial firm which his father founded in 1916. He has had ample experience in its various supervisory and managerial positions, and has also found time for a constructive role in community affairs.

Born at Norfolk on September 18, 1902, he is a son of George Wisham and Isabelle Place (Hayward) Roper. His father, who died at Norfolk on January 6, 1946, was vice president and general manager of the John L. Roper Lumber Company prior to 1916, when he organized the Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation. He served as its president until 1944. Beginning his education in his native city, John L. Roper, 2nd, attended Norfolk Academy and completed his secondary studies at Hill School in Pennsylvania. He then entered Princeton University, where he was a student until 1921, majoring in engineering. He began his business career with the Southern Supply Company, on Water Street in Norfolk, and continued with that organization for three years.

Since January 1, 1925, he has been identified with the Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation. Initially he served as an apprentice in the various phases of operations, and thus gained a solid groundwork useful to him in the more responsible positions to which he rapidly advanced. He was elected vice president of the corporation in 1944, and became assistant general manager two years later, continuing in the vice presidency. In 1955 he was promoted to executive vice president and treasurer, retaining the duties of assistant general manager. On July 1, 1956, he was elected president and general manager, thus filling the office held by his father from 1916 to 1944. His immediate predecessor in office, the second man to head the corporation, was Crawford S. Rogers, who died on June 4, 1956, after holding the dual office since 1944. As president and general manager of one of Tidewater Virginia's largest industrial organizations, John L. Roper, 2nd, directs operations of the company's three completely equipped ship repair and construction plants located on the southern and eastern branches of the Elizabeth River in Norfolk Harbor.

Aside from his responsibilities in his own firm, Mr. Roper has through the years engaged in many civic and organizational affairs. He has long been active on behalf of the Norfolk Community Chest, serving as its president and campaign chairman in recent years. He serves on the boards of a number of civic and social organizations. He is a member and past president of the Virginia Club. He is one of five commissioners administering the multi-million-dollar program of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority. He and his family attend



George Rogers



J. C. Rogers



Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church. When time allows, he enjoys his favorite outdoor sports, golf, tennis, hunting and fishing.

On April 7, 1916, John L. Roper, 2nd, married Sarah Dryfoos of Hazelton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Henry and Grace (Fogel) Dryfoos. They are the parents of three children: 1. John Lonsdale, 3rd, who was born on January 19, 1927. A graduate of the University of Virginia, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, and a postgraduate degree in naval architecture and marine engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is now assistant to the general superintendent at Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation and holds office as assistant secretary. He married Jane Preston of Tazewell, and they have two children: John L., 4th, and Susan St. Clair. 2. George W., 2nd, born January 25, 1928. He attended the University of Virginia for two years, majoring in electrical engineering, and like his older brother, is a graduate of the recognized apprentice school of the Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation. He is now assistant to the superintendent of its Norfolk plant. He married Jeanne Freeman of Norfolk 3. Isabel Fogel, born February 11, 1929. She attended Garrison-Williams School, Miss Turbull's School, and Oldfield's School at Glencoe, Maryland. She is married to O. Ramon Yates of Norfolk, who is the manager of the Ashcraft-Wilkinson Company of Atlanta. The couple are the parents of three children: i. Maida Yates. ii. Anne Lonsdale Yates. iii. Isabel Roper Yates. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Roper, 2nd, make their home at 1336 West Princess Anne Road, Norfolk.

DONALD WOODS SHRIVER—Beginning his career in the practice of law in Norfolk, Donald Woods Shriver has since acquitted himself well in several positions of public trust, and he is now executive manager of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. He is active in Masonic and fraternal groups.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, on May 19, 1901, he is a son of Alfred, Jr., and Ida (Causey) Shriver. His father was district superintendent of The Pullman Company at Norfolk until his retirement in 1935. Both parents are now deceased. Donald W. Shriver spent most of his boyhood years in Norfolk and completed his secondary studies at Maury High School, where he graduated in June 1918. Between 1919 and 1924 he attended the University of Virginia, spending two years in the liberal arts college and three years in law school. He graduated in 1924 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of his state, Mr. Shriver began his practice of law in

Norfolk, and this professional pursuit remained his chief concern for a decade.

Although he has never sought nor accepted candidacy for public office, he held a succession of responsible appointive posts between the mid-1930s and the early 1950s. In 1934 he became collector of delinquent taxes for the city of Norfolk and held this position through 1941. With 1942 he began duties as first assistant city attorney and served until 1947, when he became real estate tax assessor for the city of Norfolk.

Mr. Shriver left the tax assessor's post in 1951 to assume his present duties as executive manager of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. His office is at 269 Boush Street.

His fraternities are Phi Alpha Delta (law), Delta Sigma Rho (debating), and the Raven Society, which he joined while at the University of Virginia. He is a member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; United Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons at Norfolk; and Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Virginia Club at Norfolk. He attends the Methodist Church.

On October 28, 1924, in Norfolk, Donald Woods Shriver married Gladys Whitehead Roberts, daughter of James and Lillie (Whitehead) Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Shriver live at 517 Oak Grove Road and are the parents of two children: 1. Donald Woods, Jr., born December 20, 1927. 2. Jane Roberts, born on February 2, 1933.

CLAUDE VERNON SPRATLEY—A lawyer who has devoted most of his career to public office, Claude Vernon Spratley has served on the bench since 1936 as associate justice of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. He is a resident of Hampton.

Born at Surry on July 16, 1882, he is a son of Peter Thomas and Fannie Howard (Sclater) Spratley. After completing his public school education, Judge Spratley went on to advanced studies at the College of William and Mary, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the exceptional age of nineteen years, in 1901. In 1938 the same college conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Judge Spratley took his professional studies at the University of Virginia, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1906. Admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia in that year, he began practice at Hampton, and was chosen city attorney there in 1912, serving until 1923.

His first experience on the bench came with his selection for the post of circuit judge, which he held from 1923 to 1936. In the latter year he became associate justice of the Virginia Supreme

Court of Appeals, and has served on the bench of that highest of state courts since.

He is chairman of the board of Citizen's National Bank in his home city; and besides local and national bar associations, holds membership in Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Phi Beta Kappa and the Raven Society of the University of Virginia. He is a member of the lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the higher bodies of the order, including the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Judge Spratley is a member of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond. He attends the Episcopal Church, and is a Democrat in his politics.

On October 27, 1909, Claude Vernon Spratley married Eleshea Annie Woodward, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Katherine Woodward, who is now Mrs. William Franklin Metts. 2. Anne Fletcher, who married Col. John F. B. Dice, of the U. S. A. F. 3. Claude Vernon, Jr., who married Frances Parker.

LEWIS WARRINGTON WEBB, JR.—Since the beginning of his career as educator, Lewis Warrington Webb, Jr., has been identified with the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary. He is now professor of physics and Provost of the college, and he has a full and active schedule of organizational activities.

Born at Norfolk on March 1, 1910, Mr. Webb is a son of Lewis Warrington, Sr., and Eleanor (Kelley) Webb. His father was a master electrician, who devoted much of his career to industrial work at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. After completing his studies in local public schools, the younger Lewis W. Webb enrolled at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He graduated there in 1931 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and went on to advanced studies there, leading to the degree of Master of Science in Electrical Engineering the following year.

It was at that time, in 1932, that Mr. Webb joined the faculty of the Norfolk Division, College of William and Mary, as instructor in physics and mathematics. Teaching these subjects remained his major interest for a decade, and in 1942 he became assistant director of the college. From 1940 to 1946, he was in charge of directing the war training program there. In 1945 he assumed his present duties as professor of physics; and he was named director of the college in July 1946. In July 1957 he was named Provost of the college.

Mr. Webb is active in professional organizations and learned societies, and has held positions of

leadership in several of them. A member of the Virginia Academy of Science, he is past chairman of its Physics Section, and he is also a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and Tau Beta Pi, a nationwide engineering and research organization. He serves on the board of directors of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and is a member and past president of the Engineers Club of Hampton Roads. As a Rotarian, he has served as sergeant-at-arms, secretary, and first vice president of his local club, and is now president. He is a member of the Hampton Roads Sales Executives Club, which chose him its Salesman of the Year in 1956. He is also a member of the Virginia Club and the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. The Catholic Club at Norfolk selected him for their Brotherhood Award in 1958.

Mr. Webb and his family attend the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk. He serves the congregation as superintendent of the Sunday school, and as a member of the board of deacons.

At Portsmouth, on January 26, 1935, Lewis Warrington Webb, Jr., married Virginia Fauntleroy Rice, daughter of George Baynham and Esther (Carney) Rice. Mr. and Mrs. Webb are the parents of two children: 1. George Randolph, born February 25, 1938. 2. Mary Lewis, born November 27, 1944.

LOUISA CARRINGTON (VENABLE) KYLE (Mrs. William Emmett Kyle)—One of the Lower Tidewater's distinguished writers, Louisa Carrington (Venable) Kyle (Mrs. William Emmett Kyle) is well known as a contributor to newspapers and magazines, both those of her native region and those of nationwide circulation. She is also active in civic, patriotic and cultural groups.

Born Louisa Carrington Venable in Norfolk, on August 11, 1903, she is the daughter of William Henry and Elizabeth Berkley (Wight) Venable. She began her education at St. George's Private School in Norfolk, and later attended Boush Street Public Elementary School and Maury High School in the same city. For her advanced studies, she went on to Mary Baldwin Seminary, now Mary Baldwin College, at Staunton, and later transferred to Lasell Seminary, now a junior college, at Auburndale, Massachusetts, of which she is a graduate.

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norfolk, on June 28, 1924, Miss Venable became the wife of William Emmett Kyle. He is a native of Norfolk, and the son of Edwin Dewess and Anne Wingate (Haigh) Kyle. A lawyer by profession, he has filled with distinction the offices of referee in bankruptcy for the federal district court. Mrs. Kyle

has been close to the practice of law since her earliest years, for her father, William Henry Venable, was for more than fifty years a distinguished member of the Norfolk Bar. He had a considerable reputation as a trial attorney, and handled many important pieces of litigation. He was also prominent in civic affairs. The writer's husband has a record of professional and public service no less distinguished. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle are the parents of three daughters: i. Louisa Venable, who was born on April 24, 1925. She is the wife of Samuel Devereaux Hathaway of Summit, New Jersey, and they have three children, surnamed Hathaway: i. Samuel D., Jr. ii. William Emmett Kyle. iii. Katheryn Taylor. 2. Elizabeth Kyle, born January 30, 1928. She is now the wife of Dr. William Cooke Andrews of Norfolk. They are the parents of three children: i. Elizabeth Randolph. ii. William Cooke, Jr. iii. Susan Carington. 3. Anne Wingate, born on June 12, 1932. She married Charles Ferrell Moore, Jr., of Norfolk, and they have one child: i. Charles Ferrell, 3rd.

Mrs. Kyle emphasizes that in her career scheme, she has been a wife, mother and homemaker first, and writer second. But in the past several years she has achieved considerable prominence in this second calling, working as a freelance since the early 1950s. Since February 1953 she has conducted a column, "A Country Woman's Scrapbook," appearing weekly in the Norfolk "Virginian Pilot," and is also a feature writer for that paper. She has contributed to "Commonwealth Magazine," "Nature Magazine," "Norfolk," the official publication of the city's Chamber of Commerce, and "Norfolk and Western Magazine." She has also contributed to the Travel and Garden Sections of "The New York Times," and to "Garden Gossip," a magazine published by the Garden Club of Virginia.

Her memberships include the Poetry Society of Virginia, Norfolk Society of Arts, Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and the Virginia Historical Society. She is also a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, is a charter member of the Norfolk Junior League, and is active in Girl Scouts, Inc. She belongs to the Garden Club of Virginia, Virginia Beach Garden Club, and the Monday Club of Norfolk. She and Mr. Kyle attend Eastern Shore Chapel, an Episcopal Church at London Bridge, and they make their home in that community, at Alanton on Linkhorn Bay.

C. LYDON HARRELL, JR.—An attorney at law who has practiced at Norfolk since his return from naval service in World War II, C. Lydon

Harrell, Jr., has his offices in the Kresge Building at 236 Granby Street. He is serving as special justice of Princess Anne County, and is active in many organizations including bar groups.

Born at Norfolk on October 22, 1916, the lawyer is a son of Charles Lydon Harrell, Sr., and Ethel Theresa (Toone) Harrell. His father, a native of Sunbury, North Carolina, holds the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and has practiced in Norfolk since the beginning of his career. Now seventy-three years of age, he is serving the Red Cross blood bank in professional capacity. He took his degree at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. Dr. Harrell's first wife, the former Ethel Theresa Toone, a native of Richmond, died in February 1926, at the age of thirty-five. Dr. Harrell married second, on June 8, 1927, Miss Lela Wilson, and they became the parents of one son, Samuel Wilson Harrell, born October 2, 1928. He is a salesman with Berkley Feed Corporation. Besides C. Lydon Harrell, Jr., two children were born of Dr. Harrell's first marriage. They are Edward Everett, born August 16, 1914, and Gordon Fletcher, born March 16, 1919. The latter follows his father's profession. Graduating from Medical College of Virginia, he has practiced in Norfolk since 1949.

Reared and educated in that city, C. Lydon Harrell, Jr., graduated from Maury High School in June 1934, then entered Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1938. Mr. Harrell next began his professional courses at T. C. Williams Law School, and there graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in June 1941. He had passed his bar examination, entitling him to practice law in the state of Virginia, in December 1940. War-time service in the United States Navy, however, deferred his commencing practice, since he went on active duty on July 28, 1941, about a month after he had graduated from law school. Commissioned an ensign, he served in the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Mediterranean. He won steady promotions in grade, and at the time he was separated from active service on May 1, 1947, he held the rank of lieutenant commander. He was promoted to the rank of commander on January 1, 1953. He remains active in the Naval Reserve program, and is commanding officer of his Naval Reserve Division.

At the time he began practice in his own name in the city of Norfolk, Mr. Harrell had had three months' experience working in a law office. He established his own firm in March 1947, and has since continued independently. In 1950, he was appointed as Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Princess Anne County, and in 1955 for the Court of Law and Chancery of the City of

Norfolk, both of which offices he now occupies.

In 1952, Mr. Harrell became special justice of Princess Anne County, and serves in that office at the present time. He is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar and Virginia State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. As a veteran of World War II, he was one of the founders of the James Spalding Whitehurst Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and is a past commander of that post. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and was for a time the legal adviser for the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Active in the program of the Boy Scouts of America, he is chairman of the Sea Scout Troop Committee at his church.

Mr. Harrell is a Kiwanian, and a member of Owens Lodge No. 164, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master. He is also a member of Norfolk United Chapter No. 1 of the Royal Arch Masons of which he is an officer; Grice Commandery of the Knights Templar; and, as a member of the higher bodies of the York Rite, also belongs to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is active in fraternities, being a member of Phi Kappa Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa and Tau Kappa Alpha, as well as Phi Beta Kappa national scholastic honor society. He is also a member of the McNeil Law Society of Richmond.

Attending the Methodist Church, Mr. Harrell serves on its official board. He is interested in welfare work, and serves on the board of the local organization to combat tuberculosis. His sons are eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, as one of their forebears was a general in the Revolutionary War. The lawyer's favorite outdoor sports are spear fishing and baseball.

On February 5, 1943, C. Lydon Harrell, Jr., married Martha deWeese Guild, daughter of Harry Hickman Guild and Florence Ruth (deWeese) Guild. Her father spent much of his life in Oregon, and died during World War II. Her mother died when Mrs. Harrell was eighteen months old. Mrs. Harrell serves on the board of the local Parent-Teacher Association and is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. The couple make their home at 912 Westover Avenue. They are the parents of four children: 1. C. Lydon, 3rd, who was born on January 20, 1945. 2. John Morgan, born August 4, 1946. 3. Marshall Guild, born March 10, 1949. 4. deWeese Toone, born August 22, 1950.

CAPTAIN GEORGE ALVIN MASSENBURG is now serving his fourteenth year as president of

the Virginia Pilot Association, which has existed for just a decade short of a century, and which has been responsible for the safe passage of billions of dollars' worth of cargo through the territorial waters of the commonwealth. He is a veteran of long service with this organization, and has also been active in public affairs, distinguishing himself in a number of elective offices.

Born at Hampton on September 19, 1894, he is a son of Virginus M. and Virginia (Satchel) Massenburg. He received his education in the public schools of Hampton, and began his career with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, by which he was employed from 1909 to 1912. On October 1, 1912, he was appointed as apprentice in the Virginia Pilot Association; and completing his apprenticeship October 1, 1917, received his Master's license and First Class Pilot license. He has been with the organization ever since, was elected its president in 1943, and still holds that office.

Captain Massenburg's role in public affairs began over thirty years ago. He was first elected to the General Assembly of Virginia in 1925, representing Elizabeth City County and the City of Hampton, and served continuously until 1950. While a member of the House of Delegates, he served on many important committees, including Appropriations, Chesapeake and its Tributaries, Moral and Social Welfare, the Privilege and Elections, and the Rules Committee, of which he was chairman. He was also a member of the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council, and the Governor's Advisory Committee on the Budget. He was floor leader of the House of Delegates from 1936 to 1947, and was elected speaker for the 1947 and 1948 terms.

Appointed to the State Port Authority in 1942, Captain Massenburg served until 1948, when the Division of Ports was created under the Conservation Commission. He was then appointed a member of the Conservation and Development Commission on which he is still serving. In August 1945, he was appointed to the Board of Visitors of Virginia Military Institute. In 1945, Governor Darden appointed him a member of his staff, and he has been reappointed by Governors Tuck, Battle and Stanley. He was chairman of the Democratic Party of Virginia from 1948 to 1952, when he resigned in order to devote more time to his business interests.

During his many years of public service, Captain Massenburg has always stood for economy in government, and played an active part in the reorganization of his state's government, under the Hon. Harry F. Byrd. He supported other amendments proposed in 1948 under the Hon. William M. Tuck. He has been most active in the development of



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the Port of Hampton Roads and other Virginia posts, and, during his legislative term, assisted in the passage of many important bills for the improvement of transportation facilities in Virginia. He also played an important role in securing the passage of the Bridge and Ferry Act of 1940, and later assisted in promoting the York River Bridge, the Rappahannock River Bridge and the Elizabeth River Tunnel, as well as the tunnel now under construction between Hampton and Norfolk. He was chief patron of the Craney Island Disposal Area legislation, as well as of the bill setting up the Hampton Roads Sanitation District Commission. He has assisted many of the communities of Virginia in securing improvements for their rivers and harbors. He has always actively supported the Virginia State Ports Authority.

Captain Massenburg was enrolled in the United States Coast Guard Reserve (T) in 1942, and, in June 1943, was elected president of the Virginia Pilot Association. In September of the same year he received the rank of commander. In April 1945, he was promoted to captain in the United States Coast Guard Reserve (T), and in November of that year was honorably disenrolled. He served as a member of the National Assembly Board, United States Coast Guard League, and was the Fifth Naval District Representative of the League in 1945-46.

He is a member of the Virginia State, the Peninsula, the Norfolk and the Portsmouth Chambers of Commerce, and is a director and member of the executive committee of the Hampton Roads Maritime Association. He is on the executive committee of the American Pilot Association, which he served as vice president for eight years; in 1956 he was re-elected vice president. He is a director of the Tidewater Automobile Association, member of the Propeller Club of Norfolk and Newport News, past president of the Hampton Rotary Club, and a member of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress and the Virginia Ports Development Committee.

Captain Massenburg is a member of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, Princess Anne Golf and Country Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and the Virginia Club, and is an honorary member of the Virginia Military Institute Alumni Association and the Hampton Yacht Club. He is a member of St. Tammany Lodge No. 5, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the higher bodies of Masonry, including Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

On October 19, 1918, Captain George Alvin Mas-

senburg married Miss Carrie Wood of Hampton. They became the parents of three children: 1. Carrie Wood, born January 1, 1920. She married, first, Jack T. Love, who was killed in action while serving with the Fifth Army in northern Italy, in October 1944. She married, second, Robert H. Lear, and they make their home in Hampton. 2. George Alvin, Jr., who was born on April 15, 1921. An ensign in the United States Naval Air Corps, he was missing in action in the Battle of Saipan on June 19, 1944. 3. Edgar A., who was born on August 15, 1925. He practices law in Hampton. Married to the former Miss Dolores Chenoweth of East Orange, New Jersey, he is the father of two children: Sharon and Gayle Massenburg. Captain Massenburg maintains his offices at the headquarters of the Virginia Pilot Association, 325 West Freemason Street, and his residence is at 4605 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton.

JAMES L. McLEMORE, SR.—One of the Lower Tidewater area's most respected and useful citizens over many years, the late James L. McLemore, Sr., distinguished himself as lawyer, banker, and jurist. Before the turn of the century he located at Suffolk, organized the Bank of Suffolk, and later served as judge of the Second Judicial Circuit and as a member of the Virginia Special Court of Appeals. For more than half a century, he was an influential figure in finance and commerce, the bar and bench. A local journalist called him a "venerable link between the South of the reconstruction era and the mid-twentieth century."

Born near Drewryville, in Southampton County, on November 18, 1866, he was a son of Benjamin Franklin and Rosa Ann (Westbrook) McLemore. His father served for twenty years as clerk of the court in that county. Judge McLemore received his early education in country schools and in 1887 moved to the town of Jerusalem, now known as Courtland, where he became deputy clerk of the court. Meantime, in 1886, he had begun studies at Randolph Macon College, and in his two years there, he became a member of the Franklin Literary Society. He returned to Courtland, resumed his work in the office of clerk of the court, but in 1889 left again to enter the Law School of the University of Virginia. In one year he completed the professional courses offered at that institution and received his law degree. As an undergraduate at the university, he was a member of the Jefferson Literary Society, Sigma Chi fraternity, and the Raven Society, as well as Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society.

During the six years following his admittance to the bar, Judge McLemore practiced at Courtland

and Franklin. From 1893 to 1895 he was deputy court clerk under Judge Joseph B. Prince at the county seat of Courtland. He moved his practice to Suffolk in 1896.

It was there that he began his second major career interest, banking. In 1899 he joined several other prominent local citizens, Thomas H. Birdsong (q.v.), A. Woolford, R. Howard, R. A. Pretlow, J. A. Pretlow, C. A. Shoop, and W. R. Withers, in organizing the Bank of Suffolk. They began with a capital of thirty thousand dollars and offices in a building on Washington Square. Judge McLemore assumed duties as the bank's first president and held office until 1951. It is now known as the National Bank of Suffolk. The change of name took place in 1910, and a new bank building was erected in 1917.

In 1907 James L. McLemore added duties on the bench to his already full schedule of service. In that year, Governor Claude L. Swanson appointed him judge of the circuit court of the Second Judicial Circuit, which at that time included Norfolk. He served on the bench for thirty-three years and from 1924 to 1928 was a member of the Virginia Special Court of Appeals. Advancing years did not diminish his faculties, and in 1942 he assumed new managerial duties as executive vice president of the National Screen Company in Suffolk, continuing to serve actively until 1946.

He served for some years as a member of the city council of Suffolk and was a charter member of the Rotary Club and an honorary member of the Tidewater Wholesale Grocers Association. He was a member and past president of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce. As lawyer, he was a member of the Virginia Bar Association, and he also belonged to the Portsmouth Executives Club. He was deeply devoted to the work of his church, the Main Street Methodist, and taught a men's Bible class there for over thirty-five years. In his honor, this group has been named the James L. McLemore Bible Class. Fond of the out-of-doors, he had a reputation for skill with the rifle and fishing rod. In attesting to his qualities as a jurist, a writer reviewing his career in the columns of the Suffolk "News-Herald" said of him: "McLemore was not one to permit informality or lack of respect in a court room. He was known for maintaining dignity and order from the bench."

On April 21, 1898, James L. McLemore married Mary Willis Pretlow, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Pretlow of Southampton County. The couple became the parents of four children, two of whom died in infancy. The two living children are a daughter, now Mrs. Robert Matthews of Norfolk, and a son, James L., Jr., whose biographical record accompanies.

Judge McLemore's distinguished career ended

on April 7, 1954, when he died at his home on Pinner Street in Suffolk.

JAMES LATINUS McLEMORE, JR.—Following in the footsteps of his father in both the legal and banking professions, James L. McLemore, Jr., has spent some years in practice at Suffolk, served as a naval officer in World War II, and is now vice president of the National Bank of Suffolk. He has other business connections as well and takes a constructive part in his community's organizational and church affairs.

He was born at Suffolk on December 23, 1912, son of Judge James L. McLemore, Sr., whose biography is to be found in these pages, and Mary Willis (Pretlow) McLemore. His mother was a native of Southampton County, and died on April 6, 1951. After attending local schools and graduating from Suffolk High School in 1932, the younger James L. McLemore entered Randolph Macon College, where he was a student for three years. He then transferred to the University of Virginia, studying there from 1935 to 1937, and was admitted to the bar of the State of Virginia in December 1938. He studied at the University of Richmond Law School and in 1940 received his degree of Bachelor of Laws there.

From 1939 to 1941, Mr. McLemore practiced at Suffolk, and he left in April 1941 to serve in the United States Army. In May 1942 he was commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy. Assigned to naval intelligence, he was stationed in India for twenty-three months. He was separated from the service in September 1945 as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve, and resumed his practice of law at Suffolk. This was his major career interest for nearly a decade, but, in October 1954, he assumed his present position as vice president of the National Bank of Suffolk. This bank, first known as the Bank of Suffolk, had been founded by his father and associates just before the turn of the century, and the elder McLemore was its president until 1951. Besides this major business connection, James L. McLemore, Jr., is a director of the Benthall Machine Company.

He is a member of the Suffolk Bar Association, the Nansemond County Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, Phi Kappa Sigma at Randolph Macon College, the Rotary Club, the American Legion post, and the lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, all of Suffolk. Fond of the out-of-doors, he finds his favorite recreation in golf, hunting, and fishing. He is active in the Methodist Church and serves on its board of stewards.

At Waverly, Virginia, on January 1, 1942, James L. McLemore, Jr., married Jane Warren Coul-

born of that city, daughter of Uriah Oscar and Elizabeth Barkley (Sykes) Coulbourn. Her father is deceased, but her mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. McLemore are the parents of three children: 1. James L., III, born on February 4, 1945. 2. Elizabeth Warren, born February 7, 1948. 3. John Coulbourn, born December 14, 1954.

JAMES CAMPBELL CAUSEY, JR.—A civil engineer by profession, James Campbell Causey, Jr., is at present city manager of the city of Suffolk. He is an official in many commercial corporations as well, and has worked effectively in community organizations.

He is a native of Suffolk, Virginia, and was born on April 23, 1902, son of James C. and Marguerite (Crump) Causey. Beginning his public school education in local schools, he graduated from Suffolk High School, and went on to advanced studies at Virginia Military Institute, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1924. Mr. Causey went to Florida to begin his professional career. His first position was as transitman on the board of commissioners, Everglades Drainage District, a department of the Florida state government. After continuing in that connection for one year, he became assistant engineer with the Moore Haven Engineering Company, at Moore Haven, Florida. The following year, 1926, he took a position as engineer with the Wallis Engineering Company, in the capital city of Tallahassee. Later in 1926, and in the early months of 1927, he was back in Virginia, engaged in timber surveys on behalf of the Surry Lumber Company at Sedley. For a short time in 1927, he was identified with R. G. Lassiter and Company, and later the same year, accepted appointment as bridge inspector with The Virginian Railway Company, a position he filled capably until 1932.

He resigned to become city engineer of the city of Suffolk, continued in that responsible post for a decade, and from 1942 to 1946 was city manager in the same community. In 1946 he re-entered private industry, joining Myron Sturgeon Engineers at Norfolk as senior engineer until 1953. For two years from 1953 to 1955, he was the senior partner of Causey and Weeks. His present address is Suffolk, where he holds the position of city manager.

In addition to his major occupational connections, Mr. Causey is a member of the board of directors of A. B. Miner Company. He serves on the board of the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in his home city, and he is a member of the National and the Virginia Fox Hunters' associations. Retaining active status in his profession, he is a registered civil engineer in the state of Virginia, and holds membership in the American Society

of Civil Engineers, the Society of American Military Engineers and the City Managers Association. In his religious faith, Mr. Causey is an Episcopalian.

On June 9, 1928, he married Margaret Urquhart Jordan. They are the parents of two children: James C. and Margaret Warren Causey, and they make their home on Riverview Drive in Suffolk.

HARVEY MILTON HOLLAND—In the course of his more than half a century with The Farmers Bank of Nansemond, Harvey Milton Holland has advanced to the presidency of this organization, which is the oldest bank in Suffolk. Mr. Holland is a native of Nansemond County, and was born on February 29, 1884, son of Charles E. and Susie (Jones) Holland. His father, born in the same county, engaged in the wholesale and retail feed and coal business in Suffolk, and for many years headed his own firm, C. E. Holland and Company. He lost his life in an accident in 1894. His wife, the former Susie Jones, is also deceased. She too was a native of Nansemond County.

Receiving his early education in the public elementary schools of Suffolk and Suffolk High School, Mr. Holland took his advanced studies at Elon College in North Carolina. He first joined The Farmers Bank of Nansemond in 1904. The bank had been organized in 1869. It made its appearance on the scene at the nadir of the Reconstruction period, and was founded by Colonel John R. Copeland. It was on November 30, 1869, that he and a few of his friends applied to Judge E. P. Pitts of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County for a charter. In the middle of the next month office space was rented, and January 1, 1870, saw the new Farmers Bank of Nansemond opening its doors. The first deposit was made on opening day by Colonel William Eley, in the amount of three hundred dollars. Toward the close of 1870, the bank purchased its own first home—the bank building on Main Street formerly occupied by the old Suffolk Savings Bank. This it occupied until 1899, when a building on the site of the present home, at 123 North Main Street, was occupied. Construction of the present bank building was begun in 1922, and the building was occupied in the fall of 1923. From January 15, 1872, when the bank declared its first dividend, it has an unbroken record of dividend payments up to the present time.

One of Colonel Copeland's associates, Willis S. Riddick served as the first president. He died in 1875 and was succeeded by Joseph Boothe. In 1880, when Mr. Boothe died, Colonel Thomas W. Smith took office and served until 1883. At that

1911. Colonel Copeland resigned as cashier and succeeded Colonel Smith as president. He resigned in 1892, and was succeeded by Colonel E. E. Holland, who served until his death late in 1941. His tenure of nearly fifty years, far exceeding that of any of the bank's other presidents, was followed by that of E. W. Staples, who took office in January 1942.

Mr. Holland, who began his connection with the bank in the capacity of clerk, was promoted to cashier in 1916, to succeed the late William H. Jones, Jr., whose biography appears elsewhere in this history. While Mr. Staples was president, he held the offices of vice president and cashier; and succeeded to the presidency at Mr. Staples' death in December 1947. He has served on the board of directors since 1917.

Active in the organizational councils of his profession, he is a member of the Virginia Bankers Association, and has served as chairman of its Group 1. He is also a member of the American Bankers Association. A Democrat in his politics, he has never sought nor accepted candidacy for public office. He attends the Suffolk Christian Church.

In Suffolk, on June 3, 1916, Harvey Milton Holland married Eloise Walton Jordan of that city, daughter of L. W. and Emma E. (Hall) Jordan. Both parents were natives of Virginia, and both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Holland have no children.

JOSEPH W. LUTER, JR.—Smithfield hams have made the name of this Virginia community known throughout the United States. One of the men primarily responsible for their reputation is packing executive Joseph W. Luter, Jr., who founded the Smithfield Packing Co., Inc., twenty years ago. He is a leader in other community enterprises, including real estate, banking and radio broadcasting organizations, and has taken a lively and constructive interest in civic causes.

A native of Smithfield, he was born on May 31, 1908, son of Joseph W., Sr., and Mattie (Britt) Luter. His father, who was born at Ivor in Southampton County, on August 24, 1879, was a meat packer by trade. Mattie Britt, whom he married, was born in Smithfield on December 6, 1884, and died on March 2, 1947. Reared in Smithfield, the younger Joseph W. Luter attended public schools there and graduated from high school in 1925. His experience in the meat-packing industry predated the completion of his education, for at the age of twelve years he first went to work, on a part-time basis, in a meat-packing plant in Smithfield, where he learned the business. After completing his studies, he joined the Gwaltney meat-packing firm, for which he

worked in positions of increasing responsibility until 1936.

In that year he began his own business in a small way; and his thorough knowledge of the industry, his valuable background, his business abilities and determination enabled him to build up an organization which holds a high-ranking place among the packers of the region. Smithfield Packing Company was incorporated in 1936, and he is its president. The present modern plant, located on Highway 10, was completed in 1946. There six hundred and fifty people are employed and the company operates one hundred and five motor vehicles. The present production schedule calls for the slaughtering of nine thousand hogs per week, and the company packs and processes pork and pork products on a large scale, as well as the famed Smithfield hams. Besides this major business interest, Mr. Luter is also active in the management of the Luter Packing Company of Laurinburg, North Carolina, which he serves as secretary-treasurer.

He is president of the Smithfield Realty Development Corporation, president of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Smithfield, and a member of the board of directors of the Portsmouth Radio Corporation. Mr. Luter organized the group which gave Smithfield its Community Building, in which various organizations hold their meetings. He has taken an active part in the restoration of old St. Luke's Church, probably the first church structure in the nation still standing, which was built in 1632. Mr. Luter is a Methodist and serves on the board of trustees of his church. He is fond of the out-of-doors, particularly boating and fishing.

At Elkton, Maryland, on May 21, 1938, Joseph W. Luter, Jr., married Pearl Stockman Sykes of Smithfield, daughter of Daniel Webster Sykes, well known as proprietor of the Sykes Inn in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Luter have three children: 1. Joseph W., 3rd, who was born on July 17, 1939. 2. Suzanne Stockman, born January 16, 1941. 3. Dorothy May, born February 1, 1946.

WILLIS EVERETT COHOON—The Hon. Willis Everett Cohoon, who in private life is a lawyer at Suffolk, has served as a member of the Virginia General Assembly for a number of years, has held a number of committee posts, and has served with distinction as judge of civil, police, juvenile and domestic relations courts in his home city. Although his forebears for many generations had lived in his home region of Virginia, Mr. Cohoon himself was born at Montgomery, Alabama, on April 8, 1902, son of Thomas Willis and Goode (Jones) Cohoon. His father, a native of Nansemond County, Virginia, and born on the



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family's ancestral plantation, was a commission broker. He is deceased, but his wife is still living.

Records indicate that the Cohoon family has lived in Nansemond County at least since 1740. In that year, General John C. Cohoon of Nansemond County was born. He represented Nansemond County in the Virginia Legislature from 1820 to 1823, and died in October of the latter year. His son, Captain John C. Cohoon, was born in Nansemond County on December 26, 1789. He became a prominent citizen of his county, served as sheriff for a long term, and represented the county in the Virginia Legislature from 1828 to 1931. He was master of ceremonies when the Marquis de Lafayette visited Suffolk in February 1825. Another member of the family, Samuel Cohoon, was vestryman in the Upper Parish Colonial Church of Nansemond County in 1770. In the next century, a Willis E. Cohoon was clerk of court from 1871 to 1875.

Reared in Virginia, Willis E. Cohoon, who was given the name of this last-mentioned ancestor, attended the public schools of his region and took his advanced studies at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and Virginia Military Institute. He completed his studies for the bar, and was admitted to practice in 1931. He then began his private practice in Suffolk under his own name, and has continued there since. A member of the Suffolk-Nansemond County Bar Association, he was its president in 1937. He served as vice president of the Virginia State Bar Association in 1947.

First elected a member of the House of the Virginia Legislature, to represent the citizens of Nansemond and Suffolk counties, in 1940, the Hon. Willis E. Cohoon served continuously until 1947. He was returned to office in 1952, and has held his seat ever since. From 1944 to 1948, he served on the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council, and during the same four-year period he was chairman of the Virginia Recodification Commission. Mr. Cohoon is active in the councils of the Democratic party. A member of the Democratic Executive Committee of the City of Suffolk, he has served as its chairman; and he holds membership in the Democratic State Central Committee.

Serving in the United States Army at the time of World War II, he is a member of the American Legion, and he also belongs to the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In the Elks, he has served as district deputy, and grand exalted ruler of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and is also past exalted ruler of the lodge at Suffolk. His Masonic affiliation is with Lodge No. 30 at Suffolk, and he is a member of the higher bodies, including the commandery of the Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order

of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

In the Episcopal Church at Norfolk, on October 30, 1926, Willis Everett Cohoon married Thelma Lee Bryant of Nansemond County, daughter of James Henry and Martha (Wellons) Bryant. Both of her parents are deceased. Mr. Cohoon's offices are in the Suffolk Bank Building.

STEPHEN DAWSON CARNES, JR., is a young man who, after wartime service with the Navy and responsible posts with the federal government, established his own business at Suffolk as an investment counselor. The offices of the firm which bear his name are at 115 North Saratoga Street.

Born at Norfolk on October 6, 1922, he is a son of Stephen Dawson, Sr., and Gladys (Oliver) Carnes. Both parents are living, and his father is now retired from active business pursuits. The younger Stephen D. Carnes received his early education in the public elementary schools of Suffolk, completed his courses at its high school in 1941, and for one year was a student at Georgia Military Academy. He left there to enter wartime service with the Fleet Marine Forces and was in uniform for three and one-half years. After the war, he resumed his education, attending the National University of Mexico, in Mexico City, and transferred from there to a point closer to his native locality—the University of Virginia, where he completed his studies in 1949.

Mr. Carnes began his civilian career in the employ of the federal government, working for two years on the staff of the House Expenditures Committee in Washington, D. C. In January 1951, he located at Suffolk, where he founded the firm of Carnes and Company, Investment Counselors. The management of this firm has been his major business interest since. Mr. Carnes is a vice president and member of the board of directors of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, and he is a trustee of Blackstone College for Girls at Blackstone, Virginia. He is chairman of the Greater Suffolk Industrial Committee, an organization working for the growth and betterment of industry in the community. He was appointed as a consultant, to the Department of Defense, in Washington, D. C., on July 1, 1954.

Mr. Carnes is a Rotarian and a member of Delta Sigma Rho forensic fraternity and Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity. He attends Oxford Methodist Church and is a devoted lay worker in his denomination, a conference associate, and lay leader.

Mr. Carnes is unmarried. He makes his home in Suffolk.

SHIRLEY THOMAS HOLLAND—A banker by profession, Shirley Thomas Holland has served the people of his district in the Virginia House of Representatives for the past decade. He was a founder of the Farmers Bank of Windsor, and is now its executive vice president.

He was born in Holland, Virginia, on October 8, 1896, son of Elisha Thomas and Annie L. Holland. After attending the public schools, he was a student at Elon College, and completed his formal studies at Massey Business College. At the outset of his career he turned his attention to banking, and was only twenty-three years old when he joined others, in 1919, in founding the Farmers Bank of Windsor. He has made his home in that city since, and in more recent years has entered the general insurance field, while continuing his banking connections. He operates an insurance agency under his own name in Windsor. Besides these two major business connections, he is a director of the Home Telephone Company of Smithfield, Virginia.

Mr. Holland's first experience in public office began in 1922, when he was elected to the town council at Windsor. He served until 1945. From 1927 to 1945, he was a member of the County Democratic Executive Committee. Elected to the Virginia Legislature to represent the people of Isle of Wight, Nansemond and Suffolk counties, he took his seat in 1946, and has continued in office since that time.

Mr. Holland is a veteran of World War I. As an active member of the Virginia Bankers Association, he serves on its board of directors, and served as vice president in 1956 and president in 1957. He is also a past president of the association's Group I. He serves on the board of trustees of Elon College. He is a member of the Ruritan Club, the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, and the lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he is a member of the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the commandery of the Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A communicant of the Congregational Christian Church, Mr. Holland has served as its treasurer for thirty years, and is also a member of its board of deacons.

On September 1, 1920, Shirley Thomas Holland married Gladys Anne Elizabeth Joyner of Windsor, daughter of Crawley F. and Eva (Smith) Joyner. Her father was a merchant, and at one time served as mayor of Windsor. Mr. and Mrs. Holland became the parents of four sons: 1. Shirley Thomas, Jr., born July 13, 1921. In 1942 he graduated from Virginia Military Institute, and entered wartime service in the United States Army Air Corps. He was killed in action on September

18, 1944, while serving as a pilot, with the rank of lieutenant. 2. Richard J., born August 12, 1925. He is now cashier of the Farmers Bank of Windsor. Married to the former Miss Jean Culpepper, he is the father of three children: i. Shirley Jean. ii. Richard J., Jr. iii. Gregory F. 3. Clarence A., born June 21, 1929. He is now a lieutenant in the United States Navy. He married Mary Elizabeth Burton, and they have one child: Mary Adrian Holland. 4. William E., who was born on March 30, 1936. He is attending Virginia Military Institute.

JAMES CRESAP SPRIGG, JR.—The name of Sprigg is identified with the packing and distribution of nationally known meats and meat products, and has been since James Cresap Sprigg, Jr., took over management of the Smithfield Company, Inc., over three decades ago. This firm is now known as Smithfield Ham and Products Company, and he remains its president.

Born at Garrett Park, Maryland, on November 17, 1898, he is a son of James Cresap, Sr., and Grace Elizabeth (Duryea) Sprigg. His father was a Lower Tidewater native born at Petersburg. He entered the real estate business in Washington, D. C., and in New York, and chose his bride from the Greater New York area, she being a native of Glen Cove, Long Island. The deaths of the couple occurred only a month apart, hers on February 24, 1951, and his on March 25.

The younger James C. Sprigg attended Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, one of the most exclusive of the old New England preparatory schools, and completed his preparatory studies at Shenandoah Valley Academy in Winchester, Virginia, where he graduated in 1917. He entered military service for World War I, being assigned to the infantry, in which he was commissioned a second lieutenant. After the war he resumed his education, attending the University of Virginia for four years.

At the outset of his career, Mr. Sprigg took a professional interest in geology, and was active in mine examination work and mine operation in Mexico for a period of five years. In October 1925, he came to Smithfield and purchased the Smithfield Company, Inc., then as now engaged in the packing of Smithfield hams and other meat products. He has built up the company from a small operation to its present position of leadership among the producers of pork products, and Smithfield hams have become known throughout the nation. Besides this major product, the firm processes a full line under the Amber Brand and James River Brand labels, and distributes bacon, deviled and cooked ham, meat spreads, pork and beef barbecue preparations, turkey barbecue, chicken Brunswick stew, beef stew, chili con carne,

beef and pork with gravy, and barbecue and meat sauces. The products are distributed among wholesalers by a staff of thirty-five salesmen.

Mr. Sprigg is deeply interested in community affairs and in the historic background of the long-settled region in which he lives. He served on the board of directors of the restoration of St. Luke's Church, which is the oldest in the United States, having been built in 1632. He is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, and of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and in his home city, belongs to the Rotary Club of which he is a charter member. He is a member of Princess Anne Country Club at Virginia Beach, Elizabeth Manor Country Club in Portsmouth, and James River Country Club in Newport News, these memberships being indicative of his favorite sport, golf. An Episcopalian, he is a communicant of Christ Church, and serves on its vestry.

At Bel Air, Maryland, on June 26, 1941, James Cressap Sprigg, Jr., married Maria R. Holt of Newport News, Virginia. She is the daughter of Saxon W. and Maria W. (Reynolds) Holt.

EMMETT FRANCIS REESE, JR., M.D.—

One of the veteran medical practitioners of the Lower Tidewater area, and one of its most esteemed professional men, Dr. Emmett Francis Reese, Jr., began his practice at Courtland in the early years of the century. A remarkably versatile man, he has many interests outside of the medical profession, including an automobile dealership, banking, and public office.

Born in Southampton County on September 18, 1877, Dr. Reese is a son of Emmett F. and Virginia Mary (Bishop) Reese. His father was a native of Sussex County and a farmer. Receiving his early education in the public schools and through private tutoring, the physician and business leader completed his preparatory studies at Randolph-Macon Academy at Bedford City. He took his professional courses at the University College of Medicine at Richmond, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1899. He spent one year's internship at the Retreat for the Sick in Richmond.

On July 1, 1900, Dr. Reese commenced his general practice of medicine at Sebrell, Virginia, and in 1904 moved to Courtland, where he has conducted a general practice to the present time. With over a half-century of distinguished professional service to his credit, he is universally held in high regard by his fellow citizens, to whose welfare he has selflessly devoted his efforts. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Medical Society of Virginia and the Tri-County Medical Society. He serves on the staff of Raiford Memorial Hospital in Franklin.

In 1903, the year before he settled permanently in Courtland, Dr. Reese acquired a pharmacy in the city, which he has since operated as Reese Drug Company. In April 1912, he became head of another important local business organization when he acquired the Ford sales agency for Southampton County. This is known as Reese Motor Company, and it continues its successful existence under Dr. Reese in partnership with his nephew, R. G. Cobb. It is today the oldest Ford dealership in Virginia operating continuously under the management of one proprietor. Dr. Reese is also a director of Southampton County Bank in Courtland.

At one time, the physician and business leader served on the town council of Courtland, and he has also held the position of secretary of the county board of health. He served on the selective service board in World War I. In his politics he is a Democrat, and he attends St. Luke's Episcopal Church, being a senior warden at the present time. For this church, he just erected a parish house adjoining the church, and it is named in memory of Mrs. Reese, who died on November 14, 1955.

She was the former Miss Lynie B. Ridley, daughter of John William and Betty (Goodwin) Ridley. The couple were the parents of one son, Emmett F., 3rd, M.D. He took his degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine at the University of Virginia, and now practices in Courtland. He is married to the former Miss Virginia Griffin.

Besides his professional connections, Dr. Emmett F. Reese, Jr., is a member of the Ruritan Club and Courtland Lodge No. 85, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

DOUGLAS HOLDEN PULLEY—For many years, members of the Pulley family have been profitably engaged in cultivating the productive soil of Southampton County. Douglas H. Pulley has continued in the tradition, making farming his major career interest. He now successfully operates over a thousand acres near Ivor.

Born near that place on October 19, 1897, he is a son of Franklin Pierce and Cora Fannie (Stephenson) Pulley. His father was born in Isle of Wight County and became a farmer in Southampton County. He was also vice president of the Bank of Sussex and served for several years as Surry's justice of the peace. He is now deceased, as is his wife, the former Cora Fannie Stephenson. She was a native of Southampton County.

Douglas H. Pulley attended the public schools of Ivor and also studied with a private tutor. He completed his secondary studies with one

year at William and Mary Academy at Williamsburg. He began his career in commercial pursuits, working as clerk in a general store at Ivor. Shortly afterwards, however, he joined his father in the operation of the home farm. Following Franklin P. Pulley's death, he acquired this farm of about five hundred acres in his own name and has since purchased three additional farms with a total of five hundred twenty acres. His composite acreage of over a thousand acres is devoted primarily to the production of peanuts and corn, and he raises hogs and cattle as well. He now operates his holdings with the assistance of tenant farmers.

Mr. Pulley is a former member of the Ruritan Club. He is a Democrat and attends the Baptist Church, where he served at one time as a member of the board of trustees.

On June 24, 1920, at Ivor, Douglas H. Pulley married Gladys Herrin of that city, daughter of Robert M. and Otelia M. (Joyner) Herrin. Her father, a native of Southampton County, was the owner and operator of a general store at Ivor. Her mother was born in Isle of Wight County. Mr. and Mrs. Pulley have five children: 1. Robert H., who married Nancy Vaughn. They have two children: Jane and Butch. 2. Dan Pierce, who married Goldie Hodovan. They have two children: Douglas III and Jean. 3. James Marvin, who married Kathleen Barnes. They have two children: Bruce and Patty Page. 4. Douglas Herrin, who married Pat Black. They have two children: Douglas, Jr., and Terry. 5. Charles Merritt.

MELVILLE ANDERSON MAXEY—For nearly all of his four decades as a member of the Virginia bar, Melville Anderson Maxey has practiced at Suffolk, and he has a distinguished record in public office as commonwealth's attorney. He is a veteran of World War I and is active in community and organizational affairs.

Born at Benn's Church in Isle of Wight County, he is a son of Robert Melville and Edna (Bradley) Maxey. His father was a clergyman of the Methodist faith and served for some years as pastor of the Main Street Methodist Church in Suffolk. Both he and his wife are deceased. Their son attended the public schools of Virginia, took some of his secondary studies at Suffolk High School, and then enrolled at Trinity Park School in Durham, North Carolina. For his advanced studies he entered Southern University at Greensboro, Alabama, but he returned to his native state to study law at the University of Virginia, where he graduated in 1917 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Shortly afterwards, he entered military service, and held the rank of sergeant in Company D of

the 535th Engineers. In service for more than a year, he spent some time in France.

Having been admitted to the bar in July 1917, Mr. Maxey began practice as soon as he returned from military service, choosing Suffolk as his location. He has conducted a general practice there under his own name ever since. He is currently serving his fourth term as commonwealth's attorney for the city of Suffolk. First elected to that office, he is now serving under an appointment by Judge John K. Hutton. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar Association and the Suffolk and Nansemond County bar associations.

He is a Democrat in his politics and a member of the American Legion post, the Lions Club, the Executives Club of Portsmouth, and the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, both at Suffolk. He is identified with the higher bodies of Masonry, including the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and the commandery of the Knights Templar. As a Shriner, he belongs to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a communicant of Main Street Methodist Church, of which his father was once the pastor.

At Suffolk on September 15, 1923, M. Anderson Maxey married Hazel Walker of Suffolk, daughter of Raymond and Mary (Stockham) Walker, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Maxey have two children: 1. Mary Frances, who is a graduate of Brennan College and who now teaches at the University of Maryland in College Park, where she received her Masters degree. 2. Melville Anderson, Jr., who is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland.

CAPTAIN WILLOUGHBY WARREN COLONNA—For many years one of the leading figures in the ship repair industry of Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia, Captain Willoughby Warren Colonna has won wide recognition for his integrity of character and personal qualities. His business career has been characterized by vision, perseverance and enterprise. His major interest has been the management of Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., of Norfolk, one of the oldest firms of its kind, which was founded by his father in 1879. W. W. Colonna was its president at the time of his resignation from this executive post in 1954.

Details of the career of Charles Jones Colonna and of the firm he founded are contained in the accompanying sketch of Benjamin O. Colonna, who succeeds W. W. Colonna in the presidency of the company. Their mother was Margaret Okeson Dunston, a native of Norfolk, who died in 1892.



H. H. Coloma

Captain W. W. Colonna was born on November 6, 1882, in the old family homestead which stood on the site of the present shipyard. He received his education in the private school operated by Robert Gatewood in Norfolk, and at Norfolk Academy, and went on to advanced studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he majored in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Colonna then entered his father's shipyard on a full-time basis, having received previous experience there during his summer vacations and after-school hours. He served an apprenticeship as ship's carpenter under the supervision of his father. He also gained experience in other aspects of the firm's operations, including management, and when the business was incorporated in 1913, as the Colonna Marine Railway Corporation, he became its president, with his brother Benjamin O. Colonna as vice president and Carl D. Colonna as secretary and treasurer. When the firm emerged under its present name of Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., in 1923, he remained its president, and continued as directing head until he changed positions with his brother Benjamin, who has been president since 1954, while Willoughby W. Colonna holds the office of vice president. Working as a team, they continue to expand the firm's facilities and to keep it in the front rank of East Coast ship repairing organizations. It is one of the largest in its field still operating under private ownership. It has served the cause of the nation's defense in two world wars, but adapts its productive potential equally well to peacetime needs. While it continues to fill government contracts, it attracts the larger part of its business from commercial interests.

Willoughby W. Colonna has also been a dominant influence in the development of Atlantic Fishing Company, Inc., in which other members of the family are also interested. With a fleet of three modern ships, this firm conducts extensive menhaden fishing operations all along the Atlantic Coast from North Carolina to Long Island. Mr. Colonna is vice president of this firm as well.

He was formerly active as a member of Doric Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Ionic Chapter No. 46, Royal Arch Masons, Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Fond of the out-of-doors, his favorite sports are fresh-water fishing and operating his speed-boat. Also an aviation enthusiast, he owns an amphibious airplane which his son, Willoughby W., Jr., pilots. His family home, "Oaklette," situated on the eastern branch of the Elizabeth River in Norfolk County, is one of the most attractive in the area. Captain Colonna is a communicant of St. Bride's Episcopal Church.

On July 4, 1908, at Elizabeth City, Willoughby Warren Colonna married, as his first wife, Miss Roberta Mansfield of Norfolk. They became the parents of four daughters: 1. Fannie Mae, who married Robert L. Beale, Jr., of Norfolk. 2. Dorothy Evelyn, who married Daniel H. Smith of Norfolk. They now live in Tampa, Florida, and are the parents of three children: Patricia, Robin and Daniel H. Smith, Jr. 3. Eloise Roberta, who is the wife of Dr. Fred White, formerly of Norfolk and now practicing as a physician at Bluefield. This couple have two children: Rebecca and Bonnie Eloise White. 4. Virginia Mansfield, who married William F. Folkes, Jr., of Norfolk. They are the parents of three children: Berry, William H., III, and Ann Folkes. At Norfolk, on February 19, 1927, Captain Colonna married, second, Esther Pearl Daughtry of that city, daughter of George W. and Esther Pearl (Eley) Daughtry. By this marriage he is the father of two more children: 5. Willoughby Warren, Jr., now superintendent of Colonna's Shipyard, Inc. His career record accompanies. 6. Caroline, who married Daniel H. Thrasher of Norfolk. They are the parents of two sons: Daniel H. and Warren Thrasher.

WILLOUGHBY WARREN COLONNA, JR.

—Representing the younger generation of the Colonna family which has long been prominent in shipbuilding and repair operations at Norfolk, Willoughby Warren Colonna, Jr., is now superintendent of the shipyard, and a member of the corporation's board of directors. He is also an official of the Atlantic Fishing Company, Inc., and his leadership in industry and community affairs won him the "Mr. Norfolk" award in 1955 and the "Mr. Virginia" award in 1957. He is a veteran of service in the United States Army.

Born February 1, 1929, in Norfolk, he is a son of Willoughby Warren, Sr., and Esther Pearl (Daughtry) Colonna, both natives of Norfolk County, and grandson of the late Charles Jones Colonna, who founded Colonna's Shipyard in 1879. The elder Willoughby W. Colonna has been associated with the management of this shipyard since his graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1906, and his career is the subject of a separate biographical sketch.

Attending local schools, Willoughby W. Colonna, Jr., graduated from Maury High School in 1947, after which he served two years in the United States Army. On his return, he entered the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, which he attended for one year. He then served his apprenticeship in the family firm, Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., as has been a tradition among the younger echelon of the company's prospective man-

agement for many years. In this way he familiarized himself with all phases of operations, before assuming increasing responsibility in supervisory capacities. He was promoted to assistant superintendent and in 1950, became superintendent of the shipyard, his present position. He has been a member of the corporation's board of directors since 1952, and is also a director of the Atlantic Fishing Company, Inc., another Colonna family interest.

A very versatile young man, Mr. Colonna is widely known for his achievements in boating, water-skiing, aviation, and athletics. It was probably his excellent record in these lines which won him the "Mr. Norfolk" and "Mr. Virginia" awards, in 1955 and 1957, respectively. He is past state champion in water-skiing. An aviation enthusiast, he holds a private pilot's license for a single engine land and sea plane. He has also won recognition for his dramatic abilities, and his impersonations of Al Jolson in local minstrel shows has earned him popular acclaim.

On April 7, 1953, at Portsmouth, Willoughby Warren Colonna, Jr., married Earlene Mary Newcomb of Norfolk. They are the parents of one son: Willoughby Warren, III, who was born on August 20, 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Colonna are communicants of Saint Bride's Episcopal Church at Berkley.

BENJAMIN OKESON COLONNA, SR.—

Three generations of the Colonna family have been identified with the management of Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., of Norfolk. Benjamin Okeson Colonna, Sr., is now its president and general manager, and he is also active in other commercial interests, including the Atlantic Fishing Company, Inc., of which he is also the president. The firm which bears his family's name was founded in 1879, and pioneered in the ship repair industry in Tidewater Virginia. It is also one of the oldest industrial firms in the commonwealth, and one of the largest ship repair yards on the entire Atlantic Coast to be conducted under private ownership.

Charles Jones Colonna, its founder, was born in the Eastern Shore district of Virginia in 1849, a descendant of early colonial settlers. He received a limited education and early in youth embarked upon a seafaring life and learned the trade of ship's carpenter. He came to Norfolk in the early 1870s and for a time was employed in that capacity by William A. Graves, who operated a ship repair yard on Water Street in Norfolk. In 1879 he began his own enterprise in a modest way. On one of his early bill heads appeared, "Chas. J. Colonna, Shipwright, Spar Maker and Caulker." At that time all production work was done by hand, and the

excellence of his work brought prosperity to his firm. Today Colonna's Shipyard is located on its original site of thirty-five acres on the eastern branch of the Elizabeth River in the Berkley District of Norfolk. The site was originally that of the old Travis farm, an early land grant, and on this property for many years stood the old Colonna family home, erected in colonial days. It was there that Charles Jones Colonna reared his family and lived for many years. Later the residence was used as an office for the shipyard, and in 1935 was razed in the course of modernizing the yards.

About 1907, Charles J. Colonna retired from most of his business duties and turned the management of the business over to his sons, Carl Dunston, Willoughby Warren, and Benjamin Okeson. By 1912 the founder had resigned completely from the organization; but Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., stands today as a monument to his ability and character. In a true sense his personal creation, it is now directed by his sons and grandsons. In the early days of the new management, the greatly expanded firm took the name of Colonna Marine Railway Corporation, in 1913. In 1923, three years after the death of the founder, the present title, Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., was adopted. His death occurred on March 3, 1920. His wife was the former Margaret Okeson Dunston, a native of Norfolk, who died in 1892. They became the parents of five sons and one daughter: 1. John Wilkins, who is deceased. 2. Margaret Evelyn, who married, first, Henry F. McCoy, deceased, and married, second, Oscar F. Smith of the Norfolk Dredging Company. 3. Carl Dunston, secretary and treasurer of Colonna's Shipyard. 4. Willoughby Warren, former president and now vice president of the shipyard. 5. Edward Holt, deceased. 6. Benjamin Okeson, of whom further.

Benjamin Okeson Colonna—or Captin Ben Colonna, as he is more widely known—was born on January 14, 1887, in the old Colonna homestead that stood on the site of Colonna's Shipyard. He was educated in the Robert Gatewood Private School in Norfolk and at Norfolk Academy. From his boyhood years he spent his after-school hours and summer vacations in the Colonna shipyard, and at the age of eighteen, entered the business on a full-time basis. He served his apprenticeship as ship's carpenter, became familiar with all phases of operations in the ship repair industry, and soon assumed responsibilities in general management. When in 1913 the firm became Colonna Marine Railway Corporation, he was made vice president; and when in 1923 the name Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., was adopted, he continued in that office. In 1954 he succeeded his brother, Willoughby Warren Colonna (q.v.) as president and general manager.



Ben O. Colman

In both world wars, the corporation rendered outstanding service in repairing and refitting ships. In peace as well as wartime, it devotes its facilities to repair and refitting work on both steel and wooden vessels, and works on government contract as well as for commercial interests. It has complete equipment for this purpose, and a dry-dock capacity of five thousand tons. It normally carries three hundred and fifty names on its payroll. The principal officers of the corporation are Captain Ben Colonna, president and general manager; Captain W. W. Colonna, vice president; Carl D. Colonna, secretary and treasurer; Carl D. Colonna, Jr., general superintendent; Benjamin O. Colonna, Jr., superintendent; and Willoughby W. Colonna, Jr., superintendent. The firm is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and the Hampton Roads Maritime Association.

Another Colonna family interest which plays an important part in the commercial life of Norfolk is the Atlantic Fishing Company, Inc. Of this firm too Benjamin O. Colonna is president, while Captain Willoughby W. Colonna is vice president and Ben O. Colonna, Jr., is secretary. This firm was founded in 1925 and incorporated in 1947. It is extensively engaged in menhaden fishing, in the waters from Cape Fear, North Carolina, to Long Island. The company owns and operates three of the most modern vessels in Atlantic and Chesapeake Bay operations. They are named the "Charles J. Colonna," the "W. W. Colonna," and the "B. O. Colonna." Atlantic Fishing Company's hauls in 1954 had a value of over a million dollars, and 1955 operations grossed one million two hundred thousand dollars. It is one of the most modern and efficiently operating fishing enterprises in Virginia.

Beloved by his employees and associates, Captain Colonna has a legion of friends in all walks of life. Among his hobbies is his collection of portraits of prominent citizens of Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia. He is known throughout his region and his industry as a gentleman, and a capable executive. He is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Virginia Club of Norfolk, and is an active communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Norfolk. His favorite sports are fishing and boating.

On January 5, 1909, at Tarboro, North Carolina, Benjamin Okeson Colonna, Sr., married Mary Glenn Perry of Elizabeth City, daughter of the late J. Walter and Alice (Wilson) Perry. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Glenn Perry, who married William L. Boggs of Norfolk. They are the parents of a daughter, Glenn Perry Colonna Boggs. 2. Benjamin Okeson, Jr., super-

intendent of Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., and secretary and treasurer of the Atlantic Fishing Company, Inc. He married Mildred Elizabeth McClellan of Norfolk, and they have a daughter, Carol McClellan Colonna. Captain and Mrs. Colonna reside at 632 Baldwin Place, Norfolk.

BENJAMIN OKESON COLONNA, JR.—

Representing the third generation of a family distinguished in commercial leadership in the Lower Tidewater area, Benjamin Okeson Colonna, Jr., is a young Norfolk executive who has advanced to the positions of superintendent and member of the board of Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., and secretary and treasurer of the Atlantic Fishing Company.

Born in Norfolk on April 18, 1922, he is a son of Benjamin Okeson and Mary Glenn (Perry) Colonna and grandson of Charles Jones Colonna, founder of the shipyard, whose wife was the former Margaret Okeson Dunston. His father is the subject of an accompanying sketch, which also relates something of the history of the firms with which the younger Benjamin O. Colonna is identified. Receiving his education in the public schools of Norfolk, he graduated from Maury High School in 1941. In the course of his school years, he had gained experience working in the family shipyard on a part-time basis, familiarizing himself with the operations of its various departments, and on his graduation, he joined the firm on a full-time basis. He served an apprenticeship in the machine shop and later became a leader in one of its working units—a connection affording valuable experience for subsequent managerial duties. He became superintendent in 1945 and has been a member of the board of directors since 1952. As a member of the third generation of the family which has always conducted the operations of the long-established ship repair and refitting organization, he is carrying on the traditions of service and achievement laid down by its founder. In addition, in the family's menhaden-fishing organization, known as Atlantic Fishing Company, he holds the offices of secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Colonna formerly served on the board of governors of the Propeller Club of the Port of Norfolk, in which he retains membership. He is also a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and like other members of his family, is a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. His favorite sports are sailboat racing and freshwater fishing.

On April 15, 1944, in old St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norfolk, Benjamin Okeson Colonna, Jr., married Mildred Elizabeth McClellan of that city, daughter of the late Henry and Ruby (Rock)

McClellan. The couple are the parents of a daughter, Carol McClellan Colonna, born July 23, 1945.

CARL DUNSTON COLONNA—Treasurer of Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., Carl Dunston Colonna has been active in its management with his brothers since the retirement of their father, its founder.

He was born on May 31, 1881, in the old Charles Jones Colonna family home, which was located on the present site of the shipyards. He is the eldest of the surviving sons of Charles J. and Margaret Okeson (Dunston) Colonna. Receiving his early education in the private schools of Misses Annie and Berry Carnes on Mulberry Street in Berkley, he later attended the Robert Gatewood School and Norfolk Academy. In early boyhood he became acquainted with the operations of the various departments of the ship repair firm, which had been founded by his father several years before his birth. In 1907 he joined the organization on a full-time basis as secretary and treasurer and has held that position through the days of the firm's existence as Colonna Marine Railway Corporation and, since 1923, as Colonna's Shipyard, Inc.

In his more active years, he was a great lover of the out-of-doors, particularly fishing and boating, and he has always taken an interest in travel. He was a member of the Virginia Club of Norfolk, the Hampton Roads Maritime Exchange, and is the oldest member of Doric Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He was formerly active in other York Rite bodies of Masonry and in Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a former member of the Lions Club.

He is a lifelong Episcopalian, and was a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Berkley before the founding of St. Bride's Episcopal Church, in which he has since been active. He is a former treasurer and superintendent of the Sunday school and was a delegate to the diocesan councils for twelve years. He is now an honorary life member of the vestry of St. Bride's Church, with voting powers.

Mr. Colonna is known among his host of friends as a man of cheerful and convivial nature and a stimulating conversationalist.

On November 18, 1903, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Carl Dunston Colonna married Lois Pearl Sykes of Mount Pleasant, Norfolk County. Mrs. Colonna was the daughter of George W. and Marina (Barnes) Sykes. Her death occurred on June 11, 1953. She exerted a positive influence in the cultural and religious life of the community and was for many years a member of the choir at St. Bride's Episcopal Church. The couple became the parents of a son, Carl Dunston, Jr., who was born

on June 21, 1905, and is now general superintendent of Colonna's Shipyard. His biographical record accompanies.

CARL DUNSTON COLONNA, JR.—Since his early youth, the career of Carl Dunston Colonna, Jr., has been identified with Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., and he is now general superintendent of that firm, which his grandfather founded and in which his father has held executive positions for many years. Representing the third generation of his family in the industry, he has a creditable record of achievement, to which he has brought the skills of modern business management and the know-how and respect for tradition which are the heritage of a firm nearly eighty years of age. The story of the founding and development of this firm is found elsewhere in these pages, in the annals of the Colonna family.

Born in Norfolk on June 21, 1905, Carl D. Colonna is a son of Carl Dunston, Sr., and Lois Pearl (Sykes) Colonna, and a grandson of Charles Jones and Margaret Okeson (Dunston) Colonna. His father is the subject of a separate sketch. Attending the public schools of Norfolk, the younger Carl D. Colonna graduated from Maury High School in 1922, after which he attended Fishburne Military School. There he graduated in the Class of 1925. He continued his studies at the Washington School of Drafting, in Washington, D. C.

When he entered Colonna's Shipyards (then Colonna Marine Railway Corporation) on a full-time basis, he served an apprenticeship in ship construction and repair, a prerequisite to be found in the records of the other executive leaders of the firm in both the younger and older generations. He became general superintendent of the shipyard in September 1940. He thus played a major part in preparing the firm for its role in serving the government during World War II and in adapting its facilities to peacetime production in the years which followed. Colonna's Shipyard still contracts with the government for work on vessels of various descriptions, but draws the major portion of its work from commercial firms. Mr. Colonna serves on the board of directors of the corporation, as well as in the capacity of general superintendent.

He is a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers and the Engineers Club of Hampton Roads and, through Colonna's Shipyard, Inc., is affiliated with the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, and the Virginia Manufacturers Association.

Apart from his trade connections, Mr. Colonna is a member and past worshipful master of Doric Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

He is a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

On October 14, 1939, Carl Dunston Colonna, Jr., married Sarah Ruth Morgan of Newport News, daughter of the late Joseph T. and Sarah Ann (Morse) Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Colonna are the parents of a son, Carl Morgan, who was born on April 4, 1941. He is now a student at Oscar Frommel Smith High School, South Norfolk. The family residence is at 345 Kemp Lane, in Norfolk County.

HAROLD WALTER CHANDLER—With banking experience dating back to World War I years, Harold Walter Chandler has spent most of his career with the First National Bank of Newport News and is now its president. He has taken a constructive interest in civic and political life.

A native New Englander, he was born at Norway, Maine, on December 21, 1895, son of Walter S. and Abbie (Adams) Chandler. His mother too was born in that city, and his father at Bethel, Maine. Walter S. Chandler is now retired from business, and Mrs. Chandler is deceased. Harold W. Chandler attended the public schools of Bethel and graduated from Gould Academy in that city in 1914. He began his banking career there, entering the employ of the Bethel National Bank and remaining on its staff for six months. He was next identified, for a period of one year, with the Rumford National Bank at Rumford Falls, Maine. His third connection was with the Augusta Trust Company of Winthrop, Maine, with which he remained for somewhat less than two years, leaving to enter the United States Army for service in World War I.

Returning to civilian life after two years in uniform, Mr. Chandler located at Newport News, and there he first worked in the auditing department of Newport News Shipyard. After a year and one-half he left to return to banking, and it was at that time that he joined the staff of the First National Bank of Newport News. He began in the bookkeeping department, was soon promoted to auditor, and advanced through the positions of assistant cashier, cashier, and vice president, to become president of the First National Bank in January 1948. In addition to serving as its chief executive and as a member of its board of directors, Mr. Chandler is a director of the Mutual Home and Savings Association.

One of Mr. Chandler's major contributions to civic progress has been his work with the Peninsula Boys' Club, of which he is currently treasurer and a director. His interest in youth and in education is further indicated by his valuable service on the Newport News school board, of which he has been a member since 1952. Politically, he supports the Democratic platform and candidates at the local and statewide levels, but

has voted the Republican ticket in national elections. He attends the Orcutt Avenue Baptist Church, where he serves as a trustee. He is a member of the James River Country Club and Peninsula Lodge No. 175, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

On February 7, 1920, at Newport News, Harold Walter Chandler married Susie Marks of that city, daughter of Walter E. and Mae (Marable) Marks. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler are the parents of two children: 1. Virginia, who married Eugene Williams. They have three children: James, Kathryn, and John. 2. Harold Kimball, who married Eleanor Smith.

HARRY LEIBE NACHMAN—Admitted to the bar of his state about four decades ago, Harry Leibe Nachman practices at Newport News as senior partner in the firm of Nachman and Nachman. He has served for some years as city attorney, and exerts a vital influence in public affairs and political life, as well as taking a full role in organizational activities.

The son of a Newport News merchant, Ray Nachman, and his wife, the former Mary Richmond, Harry Leibe Nachman was born in that city on August 29, 1895. His father is now deceased, although his mother is still living. The lawyer and public official attended the public schools of his native city, and graduated from high school there in 1913. He took his advanced academic work at the University of Virginia, and remained there to complete his professional courses, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1917. He had by that time been admitted to the bar of his commonwealth, in 1916; and when he graduated from law school, returned to Newport News to establish his practice. In his present firm of Nachman and Nachman, his son Bert is his partner. Harry L. Nachman is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association and formerly served as its president. He is also a member of the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

On January 1, 1945, he took office as city attorney of Newport News, on appointment, and he has served continuously since that time, distinguishing himself by his abilities and his conscientious discharge of his responsibilities. He is a Democrat, and formerly served as chairman of the election board in his city. He was at one time a member of the Newport News Democratic Executive Committee.

Mr. Nachman is a veteran of World War I, having served in the United States Navy for twenty-five months. He is a member of Braxton Perkins Post No. 25 of the American Legion, has served as commander of that post, and

is also past Judge Advocate for the State of Virginia. He is a member of the local garge of the Forty and Eight. His fraternity is Phi Epsilon Pi, and he is a member of the Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Peninsula Lodge No. 278, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. A member of the higher bodies of Masonry, he belongs to the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Norfolk. He is of Jewish faith.

On January 16, 1923, in Newport News, Harry L. Nachman married Sadye Cohen of that city, daughter of I. and Ida (Fisch) Cohen. Mrs. Nachman died on November 11, 1944. The couple were the parents of two children: 1. Bert A., who was born on September 29, 1925. He graduated from the University of Virginia, where he took both the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Laws degrees, and he has practiced at Newport News since 1952, being a partner of his father. During World War II, Bert Nachman served in the Naval Air Corps. 2. Betty, who was born on August 23, 1929; a graduate of Randolph-Macon Womens College with a Bachelor of Arts degree, she is married to Eugene Levin of Newport News, who is a graduate of Duke University at Durham, North Carolina.

JESSE J. PARKERSON—Since 1929, Jesse J. Parkerson has been president of the Merchants and Planters Bank of Norfolk, and his experience in his profession dates from the early years of the century. He joined the staff of the bank in 1902 and has played a conspicuous part in its growth. Not only as a banker but as a progressive citizen and promoter of civic causes, he has proved his value to the area.

Born July 23, 1884, in Berkley, Virginia, now a part of the city of Norfolk, he is a son of the late W. T. J. and Cherry (Martin) Parkerson. After attending public and private schools and a business college, he began his career in Berkley as a runner for the Merchants and Planters Bank on January 2, 1902. Advancing through the positions of bookkeeper and teller, he was made cashier on December 31, 1909, and was elected president on January 16, 1929.

The Merchants and Planters Bank was the first financial institution to be established in that part of the city which lies across the eastern branch of the Elizabeth River. It opened its doors April 1, 1900. Founded through the efforts of Alvah H. Martin, Sr., and other progressive citizens, it began its existence with a capital of thirty thousand dollars. Foster Black was its first president, and he was succeeded by Alvah H. Martin, who saw

the bank's capital increased to fifty thousand dollars. Following the death of Mr. Martin on July 5, 1918, Colonel S. L. Slover became its executive head. During his tenure of office, two branches were opened: the Campestella Branch, at Campestella Road and Springfield Avenue in 1924, and the South Norfolk Branch, Twenty-second and Liberty Avenue, in 1927. In 1929, Colonel Slover was elected chairman of the board of directors, and was succeeded in the presidency by Jesse J. Parkerson. By 1936, the bank's capital had risen to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with resources exceeding four million dollars. Its amazing growth is reflected in its statement of April 10, 1956. Its subscribed capital of seventy-five thousand dollars, having been increased through the years by stock dividends of four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, now totals half a million dollars; and a surplus of one million two hundred thousand dollars, and undivided profits of \$278,881.19, were reported. Deposits have grown to \$19,973,044.48. In 1946, the Merchants and Planters Bank established another branch at 2501 Lafayette Boulevard. Another branch, known as the Little Creek Road Branch, on Little Creek Road, was opened for business in September 1956. In addition to its principal office, its four branches provide a wide range of services, and serve an ever-increasing number of customers, including business firms and industries. The bank has consistently cooperated with community and national projects. In the World War I period, it took an active part in the Liberty Loan campaigns and other Treasury Department projects. In World War II, it established a record of government bond sales exceeding six million dollars, and rendered valuable service in ration banking and payroll work for members of the armed forces as well as for civilian war workers. In addition to the name of Mr. Parkerson, its roster of officials include Alvah H. Martin, Jr., vice president and trust officer; J. Paul Smith, vice president and cashier; W. Mac Goodman, vice president; Harry A. Fruit, vice president; William E. Warren, vice president; Frank N. Wood, vice president; J. M. Jones, Jr., vice president; G. M. Old, assistant cashier; Luther L. Bondurant, assistant cashier; William H. White, assistant cashier; Nathan Sykes, Jr., assistant cashier; Franklin B. Austin, assistant cashier; Frances P. Britt, assistant cashier; Marjorie Quayle, assistant trust officer; Willis W. Stephenson, auditor. Directors are H. G. Ashburn, W. P. Butt, William H. Darden, W. F. Duckworth, Bernard Glasser, Herman A. Hall, J. J. Joyce, Alvah H. Martin, Jr., W. J. Newton, G. C. Nicholas, Jesse J. Parkerson, W. D. Preston, Howard G. Privott, Stephen Richard, R. B. Rowland, Jr., J. R. Sears, S. L. Slover, J. Paul Smith, Samuel H.



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Thrasher, W. M. Townsend, J. F. Walker, William E. Warren and Maxwell Zedd.

Active in other business connections as well, Mr. Parkerson is treasurer and a director of the Chesapeake Building Association, and a director of the Security Insurance Agency, Inc. He is president and director of the South Norfolk Bridge Commission, a director of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, and as a bank executive, belongs to the Virginia Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association. In his own city he is a member of the Norfolk Executives Club, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and Doric Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry he is a member of the higher bodies including the Ionic Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. In civic and philanthropic fields, he serves on the board of directors of the Central Young Men's Christian Association, as treasurer of the Norfolk area of the Virginia Society for Crippled Children, as a member of the lay board of the DePaul Hospital, and of the Pension Bureau of the city of Norfolk. He has been active in the Norfolk Community Chest fund campaigns; and during the World War II period, did outstanding work for the Norfolk War Finance Committee on behalf of the United States Treasury Department. A communicant of the Memorial Methodist Church, of Berkley, he formerly served on its board of stewards and as treasurer.

On October 31, 1906, Jesse J. Parkerson married Emma Clark Markham of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, daughter of the late James C. and Emiline (Purdy) Markham, both of whom were born in North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Parkerson are the parents of one daughter, Lois, a graduate of Randolph-Macon College at Lynchburg, Virginia. She married William E. Warren of Norfolk. Mr. Warren is vice president and director of the Merchants and Planters Bank of Norfolk, and is in charge of its Lafayette Boulevard Branch. Mr. and Mrs. Warren are the parents of one daughter, Ann Parkerson Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Parkerson make their home at 944 Larchmont Crescent, Norfolk.

ROBERT MCKINLEY GINDHART, SR.—As vice president and treasurer, and now as a member of the board of directors, of Noland Company, Inc., of Newport News, Robert McKinley Gindhart, Sr., has been active in the management of what is probably the largest wholesale plumbing, heating, electrical and industrial supplies house in the world, operating thirty-two branch offices throughout the United States for distribution of its wide range of products. This fact makes it, of course, a major commercial or-

ganization of the Tidewater area; and Mr. Gindhart, as a respected business leader, has become influential in corporate affairs generally, and in the organizational and civic life of his city.

He was born at Claremont, Virginia, on August 23, 1896, son of Harry and Sarah Elizabeth (McKinley) Gindhart. Both parents were natives of Philadelphia, and both are deceased. The executive received his early education in the public schools of Claremont, and graduated from its high school in 1911. He then attended Massey Business College in Richmond, and has also taken correspondence courses from LaSalle Institute. When this country entered World War I, he joined the United States Army, was in military service for about one year and spent eight months of that time in the combat areas of France.

For one year after his return to civilian life, he was employed by an automobile sales agency in Newport News, after which he spent four years with Southern Shipyards in that city as assistant to the secretary-treasurer.

In 1924, Mr. Gindhart joined the Noland Company, Inc. Holding various positions with this supplies firm in the years which followed, he was promoted to treasurer in 1941, and the following year was named vice president, while continuing his duties as treasurer. He is now retired from these positions, but is still a member of the corporation's board of directors, of which he has been a member since 1938. At its headquarters in Newport News, and more than thirty branch offices, Noland Company, Inc., employs a total of twelve hundred and fifty people.

Mr. Gindhart is vice president and a director of Biggs Antique Company of Richmond, and a director of Citizens Marine Jefferson Bank of Newport News. He is a member of the Rotary Club, Hampton Yacht Club, Boumi Yacht Club of Baltimore, and the United States Power Squadron, Hampton Roads Chapter. These latter memberships emphasize his hobby, boating. He is the owner of a fifty-four-foot wheeler cruiser. Active in fraternal affairs as well, he is a member of the lodges of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 278. In Masonry he is also a member of the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at Newport News, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Peninsula Shrine Club. He is fond of golf and is a member of the James River Country Club. Mr. Gindhart is a Methodist in his religious faith, and in politics counts himself an independent.

At Farmville, Virginia, on October 1, 1917,

Robert M. Gindhart, Sr., married Grace L. Dugger of that city, daughter of Benjamin and Lucy (Cliborne) Dugger. Mr. and Mrs. Gindhart have two children: 1. Robert M., Jr., born on April 17, 1910. 2. Harry K., who was born on February 15, 1922. Both sons served their country in World War II.

ROBERT IRVING FLETCHER—In the course of his career, R. I. Fletcher has been identified with various industries in various parts of the country. His connection with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company predates World War II, when that firm made such a significant contribution to the nation's defense. Mr. Fletcher now holds office as its financial vice president.

He is a native of Malone, New York, and was born on February 27, 1899, son of Ernest Tilden and Mary Helene (Conley) Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher completed his advanced studies at the University of Pennsylvania where he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in 1921. In 1924 he was in New York City as staff accountant with the firm of Price, Waterhouse and Company, a connection in which he continued until 1928. He then accepted a position as comptroller with the Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation of Poughkeepsie, New York; and from 1934 to 1936 was comptroller of the Long Island Lighting Company. He was managing accountant with R. G. Rankin and Company of New York City in 1937-1938.

In 1939 he came to Newport News and joined the shipbuilding firm there. He began his connection as comptroller, was named vice president in 1947, and became financial vice president in 1953. He is a member of the directorate and comptroller of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company Foundation, and comptroller of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company Pension Fund.

Mr. Fletcher has served as chairman of the Industrial Advisory Committee of the Virginia Savings Bond Division, United States Treasury Department. He is a member of the American Institute of Accountants, the Controllers Institute of America, the National Association of Accountants, and is a fellow of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. He became a Certified Public Accountant in the State of New York in 1928. He is a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers and is an associate member of the American Institute of Management. He is a member of the Engineers Club and the University of Pennsylvania Club, both of New York City, and the James River Country Club of Newport News.

Mr. Fletcher served in the Student Army Train-

ing Corps at the University of Pennsylvania, during World War I.

On November 24, 1928, Robert Irving Fletcher married Gladys Caroline Ruhberg, and they are the parents of one daughter, Marjorie Ann, who is the wife of S. L. Burdick, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher make their home on Douglas Drive in Hilton Village.

JOHN BELL McGAUGHY—A partner in the internationally active firm of Lublin, McGaughy and Associates, Architects and Consulting Engineers, John Bell McGaughy is one of the three men who drafted the Building Code of the City of Norfolk. His projects have included bridges, schools, shopping centers, commercial and industrial buildings, water and sewer systems, air fields, hospitals and other important construction work, both in North America and the eastern hemisphere. His firm's head office is in Norfolk—at 220 West Freeman Street.

Born in Norfolk on November 5, 1914, Mr. McGaughy is the son of John Bell McGaughy, engineer and inventor, and Vivian (Coleman) McGaughy. After attending Norfolk's public schools, he spent two years, 1933-1935, at the University of Virginia. He then spent another year at the University of Mississippi and still another at the University of Alabama. He completed his education at Duke University, where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1938.

Between the time he attended the University of Alabama and Duke University—the year 1936-1937—Mr. McGaughy served as assistant to the Project Engineer of the United States Department of Agriculture. After taking his degree at Duke, he was appointed technical assistant in the Civil Engineering Division of the United States Coast Guard at Norfolk. In 1939, he was made project supervisor of the National Youth Administration in Washington, D. C., and later the same year principal draftsman in the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, at Huntington, West Virginia.

Before the end of 1939, Mr. McGaughy went to still another Army post, that of associate engineer with the Quartermaster Corps in the Panama Canal Zone. There he remained until 1941, when he was recalled to the Corps of Engineers, this time at Norfolk. Until 1943 he served first as assistant engineer, then as associate engineer, then engineer and finally as chief of the Design Section.

In 1943, Mr. McGaughy was appointed chairman of the engineering faculty of the University of Virginia's Extension Department (night classes)



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and he served through 1945. In 1943, too, Mr. McGaughy and Alfred M. Lublin organized the firm of Lublin, McGaughy and Associates. In addition to their Norfolk headquarters, they maintain offices in Washington, D. C.; Paris, France, and Milano, Italy. Mr. Lublin, who works out of the Paris office, is in charge of European operations. Mr. McGaughy, however, is consulting engineer in charge of all engineering design for the firm, nationally and internationally. After serving on the three-member committee which drafted the Norfolk Building Code, he was appointed to the Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals and is now serving his second five-year term on that Board.

Mr. McGaughy's position in his profession is further attested by his present service as a vice president and director of the National Society of Professional Engineers and his former service as president of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. Member of American Society of Civil Engineers, and Society of American Military Engineers. He is also a former president of the Engineers Club of Hampton Roads. His other organizations include the American Concrete Institute; Theta Tau, the engineering fraternity; Phi Delta Theta, the national social fraternity; the Virginia Club and the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, and the District of Columbia, and holds the certificate of the National Board of Engineering Registration.

John B. McGaughy married Charlotte Edna Schwartz, daughter of Frank Herbert and Estelle (Barton) Schwartz, at Cristobal, Republic of Panama, on July 20, 1940. They have one son, John Bell, Jr., born on April 13, 1943.

JOHN WESLEY KEEFE has held a number of official posts in industry in the Norfolk area. For more than a decade and a half he has been president of the Norfolk Brass and Copper Corporation and director of a number of firms.

A native of Norfolk, he was born on April 12, 1897, son of the Rev. William Randolph and Mary Virginia (Gregory) Keefe. His father was a Baptist minister. Attending local public schools, John W. Keefe graduated from the local high school. He began his business career with the Norfolk Southern Railroad in 1913, but remained with that organization only a short time, joining the Virginian Railway Company later the same year. From 1916 to 1919 he was with The Henry Walke Company, with which he remained until 1919, with the exception of his period of service in World War I. During that time he held the rank of sergeant in

the army, serving in headquarters company at Camp A. A. Humphreys.

Mr. Keefe first joined E. Hogshire Son and Company in 1919, and continued with the firm on a full-time basis through 1923. In 1924, he accepted a responsible position with the Taylor Parker Company, with which he remained until 1928. He left to join the executive staff of R. A. Burroughs and Company as its vice president, a position he held until 1940. In that year, Mr. Keefe became president of the Norfolk Brass and Copper Corporation, which has been his major business connection since that time. He has been secretary of the Hogshire Corporation since 1932, and he has been secretary of the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Line since 1923. Other present positions include membership of the boards of directors of the Hogshire Corporation, National Compound Company, Hogshire Tent and Awning Manufacturing Company and the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Line, as well as the Norfolk Brass and Copper Corporation.

Mr. Keefe takes a lively interest in community life, being a constructive worker in civic causes. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk and attends the Central Baptist Church.

On October 8, 1919, in Norfolk, John Wesley Keefe married Esther Catherine Hogshire, daughter of Edward and Mattie M. (Blake) Hogshire. The couple are the parents of the following children: 1. William Edward, who was born on February 23, 1923. 2. John Randolph, born May 31, 1928. 3. Robert Duvall, born January 20, 1932.

NATHANIEL JAMES BABB—The city of South Norfolk possesses a citizen of public spirit, enterprise and initiative in Nathaniel James Babb, long identified with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and now mayor of his city.

A native of Norfolk County, he was born in the Deep Creek section on October 29, 1904, son of the late Fletcher Babb and Alice Elizabeth (Whitfield) Babb of South Norfolk. His forebears in both lines arrived from England in colonial times, and were prominent in Nansemond and Isle of Wight counties. Fletcher Babb, who died in South Norfolk in 1940, at the age of sixty-four, was active in the lumber industry. He was a son of Nathaniel Babb, farmer and Confederate veteran, of Nansemond County. He was wounded in conflict with Northern forces in 1864. Alice Elizabeth (Whitfield) Babb, who now resides with her son, was born in Isle of Wight County, daughter of James P. and Elizabeth (Darden) Whitfield. Her father was a substantial planter and slave holder, who owned the Whitfield Plantation on Black Water River, and served in the Confederate States Army.

Mayor Babb is the elder of two children born

to his parents. He was three years old when the family moved to Ivor in Isle of Wight County, where they made their home until 1916. They then moved to South Norfolk. Following his elementary education, Nathaniel J. Babb attended South Norfolk High School for three years, then went to work. While holding a position, he continued to attend evening classes at Maury High School, where he graduated.

At the age of nineteen he began his career in railroading, joining the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company at Portsmouth with which he remained for two years. On June 1, 1926, a position offered itself which presented fuller opportunities, and a chance for residence at South Norfolk, to which he was partial. This connection was with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company at its Carolina Junction Shops. During the thirty years since that time, Mr. Babb has been in the employ of the railroad. Identified with the mechanical department, he won promotions from helper to foreman of the car department, a position he has held since January 1947. In the course of his three decades' tenure, he has missed few days because of bad health. His long connection with the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America shows a record of more than ten years of service as secretary of the local chapter.

His interest in the principles of good municipal government led to his election, in June 1953, as a member of the South Norfolk city council. He began his four-year term in September of that year; and also in September 1953, his fellow councilmen chose him from among their number as the man best qualified to carry the responsibilities of mayor. He was elected to a second term as mayor in September 1955. Under the city manager form of government, a five-year improvement plan has been formulated by the city manager and approved by the mayor and four other members of the council. The mayor votes last, and if the ballots of the other members are tied, his is the deciding vote. In recent years, through the annexation of Portlock and Riverdale, South Norfolk has more than doubled its population, which has made much long-range planning necessary. Maintaining a keen interest in the welfare and future prospects of his city, Mayor Babb has contributed much to the solution of its problems. He is a member of the Virginia League of Municipalities.

He is very active in the South Norfolk Baptist Church, where he formerly served as superintendent of the Sunday school and a member of the board of deacons, and is still a teacher of the Welcome Bible Class. His hobby is gardening, and he produces both flowers and vegetables.

On November 20, 1926, at Smithfield, Nathaniel

James Babb married Martha Susan Stallings, daughter of the late Robert W. and Martha Susan (Jones) Stallings of Isle of Wight County. Mrs. Babb is active in cultural and religious affairs, being a member of the South Norfolk Baptist Church, president of its Women's Missionary Union, and superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school. She is also active in the Women's Club of South Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Babb are the parents of a son, Robert Fletcher, born July 16, 1927. He graduated from South Norfolk High School and received his degree of Bachelor of Laws from Wake Forest College in 1949. Admitted to the Virginia bar at the age of twenty-two, he is now successfully engaged in an individual practice at Portsmouth. He married Mary Evelyn Barham of that city.

ARTHUR J. MORRIS was born in Tarboro, North Carolina, August 5, 1882. He first attended private schools and later attended the Tarboro Graded School from which he graduated with credit to himself. His parents then moved to Norfolk, Virginia, when he was about twelve years old. In the Fall of 1894 he entered the Norfolk High School from which he graduated in June 1897. He and two other scholars led the scholarship record at the Norfolk High School. In September 1897, he entered the academic department of the University of Virginia from which he graduated, creditably, in June 1899. He returned to the University of Virginia in 1899 and entered the law department from which he graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Laws in June 1901, with distinction. During that year he won several prizes in the law department for his outstanding effort and finally won the gold and diamond medal, that was struck in his honor by the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia when he represented the Washington Literary Society in intercollegiate debate without a loss. It was awarded to him as the best debater of the Washington Literary Society. He was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa, his senior year. He has since been elected to Phi Beta Kappa Associates, the national honor society of that fraternity.

Arthur J. Morris began the practice of the law after passing the bar examination in Staunton, Virginia, the day McKinley was shot, September 7, 1901. He was fortunate the first two years of his practice, having originated novel theories of the law affecting personal injuries resulting first from the dropping of the Monticello Hotel elevator and, second, from the fall of an awning of Jos. Brown & Sons store, which awning overhung the sidewalk on Main Street in Norfolk. From these two cases he made nearly

twenty thousand dollars and the success of these two cases brought him a number of clients. He began his practice of law on the sixth floor of the Citizens Bank Building and, after the first year, he associated with him a lawyer by the name of Richard J. Davis from Portsmouth. He soon became a financial lawyer specializing in service to banks and engaging in corporation organization and re-organization.

His corporation and financial practice grew more rapidly than usual so that after his third year he organized the firm of Morris, Garnett and Cotten. That firm included, besides Mr. Morris, Theodore S. Garnett, a son of Judge Garnett, and a practicing lawyer in Norfolk, and Preston S. Cotten, formerly of Cottendale near Greenville, North Carolina, a graduate of the University of North Carolina. Richard J. Davis and Walston McNair, graduate lawyers, continued in the firm as associated assistants to Mr. Morris.

A year or two after this development, because of the continued success of the new firm, Robert Randolph Hicks, a leading trial member of the Norfolk bar and several years older than his associates, at Mr. Morris' invitation, became a member of the firm at which time the firm name was changed to Hicks, Morris, Garnett and Cotten. Within a year after this development, Mr. Richard McI. Tunstall, one of Norfolk's leading real estate and title lawyers, was likewise invited by Mr. Morris to join the firm. The firm name was again changed, on the following January 1, when it became known as Hicks, Morris, Garnett, Cotten and Tunstall. It was again recognized as one of the outstanding law firms in the City of Norfolk.

In 1907, Mr. Morris was impressed with the fact that several people came to his office asking for small loans, that is loans from three hundred dollars to one thousand dollars. Thereupon, Mr. Morris asked these applicants why they came to a law office. They replied they had tried every bank in town and because they were not engaged in business the bank, in each and every instance, declined to make loans to individuals.

As an illustration, the first man who came requested a loan of three hundred and fifty dollars incident to an operation that his wife had to undergo at St. Vincent's Hospital. He was employed at the Norfolk and Western Railroad and had been there for eighteen years, making two hundred dollars a month. Every bank in town declined to make him a loan. After Mr. Morris investigated the fact and was convinced the man was honest and that his job was permanent, he persuaded the National Bank of Commerce, for which bank his firm was one of the counsel, to make the loan. Mr. Morris endorsed the note

evidencing the loan. Others followed. Before two years were over he was personally guaranteeing, by endorsement or otherwise, forty-two loans aggregating twenty-six thousand dollars. These loans were held by several banks in Norfolk, with which Mr. Morris' firm was professionally associated or otherwise connected.

One day, Mr. Garnett informed him, as a result of a conversation with Mr. Nathaniel Beaman, president of the National Bank of Commerce, it would be more dignified if an outstanding member of a large and successful law firm would stop making this kind of loan. In fact, "The" Garnett, as he was usually called by his close friends, told Mr. Morris he would be glad when all these loans were paid off and Mr. Morris forgot this obsession of his.

Shortly after this conversation, Mr. Morris paid off the loans even though for that substantial sum he had to borrow on his life insurance. However, all the loans were paid without loss to Mr. Morris. Then and there he decided that he was going to make a thorough research effort throughout these United States to find out why an honest man who needed a limited amount of credit was denied credit from any existing bank. To get the whole undertaking away from the law office, Mr. Morris rented space in the upper story of a building whose lower floors were occupied by a wholesale shoe business. At one time, Mr. Morris had as many as twenty-one men and women employed who traveled all over the country, at his expense, to get the facts and answers to a questionnaire he had prepared for that purpose. As a result of this effort, in late 1909 and 1910, Mr. Morris discovered that eighty per cent of the American people had no access to bank credit and that for their individual needs they were forced either to resort to friends, charitable organizations, chattel loan companies (at high rates of interest), or undesirable loan sharks, at even higher rates of interest.

In January 1910, Mr. Morris made up his mind he was going to start what he then called a "middleman's bank" which would be a cross between a regular commercial bank and these loan sharks and chattel loan companies. In his determination to organize this "middleman's bank," he proposed to lend money primarily on an individual's character and earning power, said money to be repayable in weekly or monthly installments on terms consistent with his earning power. Mr. Morris was determined to limit such loans to human needs and necessities, until he reached a period of demonstration that justified extension of the loans to individuals for small business purposes.

He discussed the matter among his friends and

clients and almost to a man, including his father, they were skeptical. Many thought the idea was superb, but otherwise unsafe and impracticable. Mr. Morris has often said that if it had not been for the vision and encouragement that he received from his mother he probably would have given up what by that time had become an obsession and determination to succeed.

With all these obstacles he found it difficult to organize the first bank. He finally agreed to start with twenty thousand dollars capital, half of which he put up and guaranteed against loss the remaining half which was put up by his friends. These friends became the first board of directors and Mr. Charles H. Ferrell became the first president of the first bank, which was then known as "The Fidelity Savings and Trust Company of Norfolk, Virginia."

When Mr. Morris applied to the State Corporation Commission for a charter, he received the following letter from Judge Robert R. Prentiss, the chairman:

Dear Arthur:

I have carefully considered your application for a charter for your hybrid and mongrel institution. Frankly, I don't know what it is. It isn't a savings bank; it isn't a state or national bank; it isn't anything I ever heard of before. Its principles seem sound, however, and its purposes admirable. But the reason that I am going to grant a charter is because I believe in you.

The bank opened for business April 1, 1910.

It was during the first year of this company's existence that Mr. Morris began in the United States the first undertaking to finance, by installment payments, the purchase of automobiles. During the first eighteen months of the existence of the Fidelity Savings and Trust Company that institution loaned fifty-nine thousand dollars on installment purchase of motor cars, but at that time the board of directors limited such loans to cars bought by doctors, or other business individuals, solely for business purposes, as distinguished from pleasure cars.

The organization of the Fidelity Savings and Trust Company was the beginning of the Morris Plan development throughout these United States, which has become one of the outstanding developments in modern finance and which is now being copied by twelve thousand commercial banks. It is generally referred to now as "consumer banking." It was not called "The Morris Plan" until after fourteen banks had been successfully organized and were in operation, and until Mr. Morris went to New York in 1914, sponsored by Mr. Fergus Reid, to raise the money for a large corporation, capitalized from five million dollars to twenty-five million dollars, for the purpose of developing Mr. Morris' system of consumer credit.

After the second bank was organized in 1911, in Atlanta, Georgia, the "Atlanta Constitution," in several editorials and cartoons, referred to the organization of that bank as "Morris' Plan of Banking."

When Mr. Morris went to New York in 1914 with Mr. Reid and met some of Wall Street's outstanding financiers at a meeting held in J. P. Morgan's private office, one of those present was Mr. Willard Straight, a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan and Company. Over Mr. Morris' objections, he insisted that the system be known as "The Morris Plan System of Consumer Banking" and that a trade mark be registered of a black diamond with white letters imprinted thereon as "The Morris Plan."

As a result of this successful meeting in New York, Mr. Morris organized "The Morris Plan Corporation of America," with a paid-in capital to begin with at five million dollars and with authorized capital of fifty million dollars. Mr. Morris describes the purpose of this large corporation not alone for the larger development of The Morris Plan System throughout the United States by the organization of independent banks to be known as "Morris Plan Banks," but also to insure the "democratization of credit" among the people.

This corporation organized over a period of time several hundred "Morris Plan Banks." When the commercial banks went into this business and became competitors to Morris Plan Banks it became necessary to change the corporate names of Morris Plan Banks to commercial names so that the Morris Plan Banks, in addition to developing consumer credit among the masses, could also obtain commercial credits and go into commercial banking, because on commercial deposits no bank pays any interest. When they were all Morris Plan Banks they used the savings deposits on which they paid interest at the beginning as high as three per cent and four per cent.

The former Morris Plan Banks are known by commercial names and while sixty-five per cent of the business is still in consumer credit, with average loans less than one thousand dollars, these banks are also engaged in commercial loans to the extent of thirty-five per cent of their volume.

Time and space do not permit a more complete story of the Morris Plan development. To date the Morris Plan System has loaned throughout these United States approximately ninety billion dollars to the honest American wage earners.

The original bank, established with twenty thousand dollars capital, is now known as "The Bank of Virginia," with total resources of over one hundred and fifteen million dollars. The lar-

gest Morris Plan Bank, next to the original bank, is the "Industrial Bank of Commerce" in New York City, formerly known as "The Morris Plan Bank of New York."

Mr. Morris is still active and is the active chairman of the board of The Morris Plan Corporation of America and is also active chairman of the board of the Industrial Bank of Commerce.

RALPH HUNTER DAUGHTON—A lawyer and former legislator, Ralph Hunter Daughton has a reputation as one of the leaders of the movements which resulted in the legalization of boxing in Virginia and of Sunday baseball and movies in Norfolk. He is a former president of the Piedmont League, a successful group in the professional baseball world, and at one time—as a Government agent—ferreted out spies, saboteurs and anti-trust law violators. Today he conducts an active law practice, with offices in the Essex Building, Norfolk, and continues to promote wholesome recreation for citizens of all ages and other progressive and cultural activities.

Mr. Daughton was born in Washington, D. C., on September 23, 1885, the son of John B. and Martha (Hunter) Daughton. The fact that many men of the Daughton family went into the law undoubtedly influenced his decision to make that field his career. After attending public schools in the national capital, he went to Pine Grove Academy in Maryland. He prepared for the Bar at National University, Washington, and in 1907 was awarded the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws.

He practiced in Washington for two years. Then he accepted appointment as a Special Agent with the United States Department of Justice. The unit to which he was attached later became famous as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, headed by J. Edgar Hoover. He worked as an "undercover agent" on anti-trust cases until ordered to Norfolk. Here he opened the first regional office of what is now the FBI for the area embracing Virginia, North Carolina and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. At the same time he obtained admission to the Bar of Virginia and laid the groundwork for his present legal practice.

When ordered to the Mexican border in 1920, Mr. Daughton resigned from the Department of Justice and began giving full time to his practice. Military law was his specialty. It was not long before Mr. Daughton was a leader in political and civic life. In 1933, he was elected to the State House of Delegates and served through 1938, when he was elected to the State Senate. This post he held until he was elected to the 78th United States Congress as a Democratic Representative from the Second Virginia District to fill the

vacancy caused by the resignation of Winder R. Harris. At the same time he was elected to serve in the 79th Congress and continued in this post from November 7, 1944 to January 3, 1947, being succeeded by Porter Hardy, Jr., also a Democrat.

Mr. Daughton continued his public service in other fields. Always interested in boxing and baseball and other sports, he was appointed Virginia's first State Boxing and Wrestling Commission chairman. For nine years he served as president of the Piedmont Baseball League. His appointment as commission chairman was the result of his long and finally successful labors to legalize the ring sports in Virginia. When he also helped bring about removal of the bans in Norfolk against the playing of baseball and the showing of motion pictures on the Sabbath he achieved another life-long ambition. His own religious convictions are strong, however, and he is a charter member of the Larchmont Methodist Church of Norfolk. Also, he adheres to the religious tenets and other beliefs of such organizations of which he is a member as the Lions Club of Norfolk (charter member); the Knights of Pythias; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and various Masonic bodies, including Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. With his wife, he makes his home at 5406 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, and there indulges in two favorite hobbies—"working around the house" and gardening.

Mrs. Daughton is the former Sue M. Taggart of Washington, D. C. She and Mr. Daughton were married in that city on February 20, 1912.

ROBERT FRIEND BOYD—A member of an old American family whose sons have fought in many wars, including the Revolution, Robert Friend Boyd has himself been active in national defense and military programs. As a lawyer he has served the United States Marine Corps, as he is now serving the civilian community in the Lower Tidewater, with offices in Norfolk. He is also active in Methodist Church programs.

Born in Richmond on May 11, 1927, Mr. Boyd is the son of Oscar Lindwood and Ruby (Friend) Boyd and, on his father's side, is the great-grandson of Colonel Andrew Boyd of the Confederate forces and, on his mother's, the grandson of Dr. Ruben Butler Friend of Petersburg. His father is district manager in Norfolk for the General Foods Corporation.

Robert F. Boyd was graduated from Granby High School, Norfolk, in 1946. Four years later he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the College of William and Mary and in 1952 that of Bachelor of Commercial Law at Marshall-Wythe

School of Law of the College of William and Mary. Commissioned in the United States Marine Corps in 1952, he became chief counsel to the General Court-Martial Board at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and emerged from the service in 1954 with the rank of captain. He retains this rank in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Since 1954 Mr. Boyd has been in active practice in Norfolk and since January 1, 1957 has been a partner in the Norfolk law firm of Davis & Boyd. He is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, the Virginia Bar Association, the American Bar Association; the Wythe Law Club, of which he is past chancellor; Kappa Sigma fraternity, of which he was president in the year 1955-1956, and Tau Kappa Alpha, the national honorary forensic fraternity. His other organizations include the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club of Norfolk, Junior Chamber of Commerce of Norfolk, Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association, Sons of the American Revolution, in which he is vice president and serves on the board of managers, Heroes of '76, National Sojourners, and various Masonic bodies, including Williamsburg Lodge No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Suffolk Shrine Club. Mr. Boyd is serving on the board of directors of the Virginia Heart Association, is vice president of the Tidewater Heart Association, and is chairman of fund raising for the Tidewater area. He is a member of the board of directors of William and Mary Law School Association as well as William and Mary Alumni Association Norfolk Chapter. At the Park Place Methodist Church, he is a member of the Official Board and is general superintendent of the Church School.

Mr. Boyd married Sara Grace Miller on September 20, 1952. The ceremony was performed in Wren Chapel, Williamsburg. Mrs. Boyd, a native of Holly Hill, South Carolina, is the daughter of Lawrence Elzie and Elizabeth (Copeland) Miller. Educated at Ashley Hall, Charleston, South Carolina; Northampton School for Girls, Northampton, Massachusetts, and the College of William and Mary, she holds the Bachelor of Arts degree. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Delta Delta. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are the parents of two boys: Robert Friend, Jr., born on March 23, 1954. 2. David Miller, born on October 5, 1955.

CAMILLUS ALBERT NASH—To a distinguished military career in the War Between the States, followed by an equally distinguished career with the "ancestor" of the present Virginia National Guard organization, the late Camillus Albert Nash, member of a family seated in Virginia for three hundred years, added a career of great use-

fulness and significance in the commercial world and community affairs. At the time of his death, he was one of the outstanding citizens not only of the Lower Tidewater but the entire state. One firm he founded and headed, now known as C. A. Nash and Son, a building supply business, is operated today by his son, William Herbert Nash, who is also well known in the region and its leading city, Norfolk. Camillus A. Nash was active in chemicals, banking and finance, and other fields of interest.

Born in Norfolk County on October 22, 1842, Camillus Albert Nash was the youngest son of Richard and Camilla (Joliffe) Nash. Educated in the public schools of the county, he proceeded, in war and peace, to add luster to the Nash family name. The name was brought to America by Thomas Nash, who settled in Lower Norfolk County before 1665 and who died in 1673. The successive generations were Thomas Nash, II (died 1735); Thomas Nash, III (died 1783); Thomas Nash, IV (died 1794), who was lieutenant of His Majesty's Colonial Militia of Virginia, having so qualified in 1760, and lieutenant colonel of Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War, and Caleb Nash (died 1827). Caleb Nash was the father of Richard Nash (died 1855), father of Camillus A. Nash.

Colonel Nash, as he was to be known most of his life, enlisted, in July 1861, when in his nineteenth year, in Company A, 61st Virginia Infantry Regiment, better known in the Lower Tidewater as the "Jackson Grays." He soon became first sergeant of this company and in June 1862, was elected second lieutenant. He was captain of the shore battery at Seawell's Point which sank the U. S. S. Minnesota prior to the engagement between the C. S. S. Virginia (Merrimac) and the U. S. S. Monitor in March 1862. His organization was later attached to Mahone's Brigade, and he was twice wounded in its campaigns, first at the Crater in July 1864, and again at Davis Farm the following month. The latter, a leg wound, proved more serious, and he was detached temporarily for assignment to Mosby's Men.

He was back with his old company at the time of Lee's surrender and was paroled at Richmond in May 1865. After the war, he continued his interest in military affairs and eventually became colonel of the old Fourth Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, forerunner of the present National Guard organization. Colonel Nash had three brothers, all of whom also served in the Confederate Army. They were Sergeant Cincinnatus A. Nash and Private Henry E. Nash, both of the "Jackson Grays," and Private John L. Nash of Company I, 15th Regiment, Virginia Cavalry. There was also a third cousin, Dr. Herbert M. Nash, a prominent Norfolk physician, who served successively as surgeon



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of the 9th Virginia Regiment, surgeon of the 61st Virginia Regiment, and chief surgeon of Artillery in the 3rd Corps.

Upon his return to Norfolk after the war, Colonel Nash was employed by Thomas B. Rowland in the wholesale grocery business. In 1885 he entered the building supply business under the firm name of C. A. Nash and Company, later C. A. Nash and Son, the name under which William Herbert Nash is operating the organization today, at 732 Granby Street.

As time went on, Colonel Nash's business interests multiplied. He served as vice president of the City National Bank, president of the American Fertilizer Company, president of the Hunter Chemical Company, president of the Virginia-Carolina Supply Company, vice president of the Tidewater Building and Loan Association, and member of the boards of directors of both the Citizens Bank and the Virginia-Carolina Trust Company.

In civic affairs he rose to the presidency of both the Norfolk Board of Trade and the Norfolk Business Men's Association and in other ways demonstrated his deep interest in community development. He served as deacon, trustee, and Sunday school superintendent at the Freemason Street Baptist Church of Norfolk and was a member of the old Virginia Club, the Hampton Roads Yacht Club, and the Masonic order. He died on February 19, 1905, at the age of sixty-three.

Colonel Nash married twice. His first wife was Mary Fannie Nash, his third cousin, by whom he had two children: Albert Rowland and Annie Lee. Mary Fannie Nash died, and in 1876 Colonel Nash married Emma Peters Dey, daughter of William Dey, by whom he had four children: 1. Camillus Albert, Jr., 2. Emma Dey, 3. Daisy Camilla, 4. William Herbert.

CHARLES MALONE FLINTOFF of Suffolk is an insurance executive by occupation, vice president of the Suffolk Insurance Corporation. He is known to Masons throughout his state through his service as grand high priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, and through his present post, grand junior warden of the state's Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

A native of Caswell County, North Carolina, he was born on January 24, 1903, son of Charles B. and Emma (Malone) Flintoff. Both parents were born in North Carolina, and both are deceased. His father was a farmer. Reared in his native North Carolina county, Charles M. Flintoff began his education in its public schools and later attended school in Danville, Virginia. He concluded his preparatory studies at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia.

Mr. Flintoff followed the profession of civil en-

gineering in North Carolina and Virginia until 1929, working in the Departments of Highways of both states. In 1929 he came to Suffolk and joined the Suffolk Insurance Corporation. He became an officer in 1933, and today holds the positions of vice president and director. The firm, engaged in the general insurance business, was founded in 1923 by a group of the city's business leaders. A. Taylor Darden is now its president. He served in 1957-58 as president of the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents.

Besides his executive duties with his firm, Mr. Flintoff is a director of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond. A Rotarian, he is past president of his club, and he has served his church, the Episcopal, as senior warden and vestryman. His favorite sport is golf, and he is a member of the Princess Anne Country Club at Virginia Beach.

As a Mason, Mr. Flintoff is an honorary member of Hiram Lodge No. 340, Ancient Free and Accepted Mason, a member of the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, honorary member of Mount Nebo Chapter No. 20 of Royal Arch Masons, a member of the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and a member of Saint Polycarp Conclave No. 69, Red Cross of Constantine. He belongs to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He served as grand high priest of the state's Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons from 1948 to 1949; and assumed his present office as grand junior warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1957 after a term as grand senior deacon.

Charles Malone Flintoff was married in Suffolk, on December 27, 1932, to Eliza Prentis Causey of that city, daughter of James C. Causey, deceased, and his wife, the former Margaret Whitfield Crump. Mr. Flintoff's business address is 165 North Main Street, Suffolk.

WINSTON H. IRWIN—A former assistant commonwealth attorney for Norfolk County and World War II legal officer at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Winston H. Irwin is now practicing law in that city, with offices in the National Bank of Commerce Building. Outside the legal profession, Mr. Irwin has a reputation in civic, sports, and social circles, as well as in the religious world.

He was born in Lynchburg on May 27, 1903, the son of E. Fillmore and Ellen (Clark) Irwin. His father, also a native of Lynchburg, was a grocer there until his death in 1905, at the age of fifty-five. The mother, born in Amherst County, died in 1952 at the age of seventy-four.

Winston H. Irwin, brought to Norfolk in childhood by his widowed mother, attended that city's public schools. In 1922 he was graduated from Maury High School. He then attended the College of William and Mary, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1926. He also studied law at the college, but completed his training for the profession as an employee in the office of the Clerk of the Corporation Court of the city of Norfolk. On July 15, 1929, he took and passed the Virginia State Bar Examinations and was admitted to practice.

Until January 1940, he was in private practice in Norfolk. At that time he was appointed assistant commonwealth attorney for the city and he served in that capacity until October 22, 1942, when he was commissioned a lieutenant, senior grade, in the United States Navy. As legal officer of the Naval Air Station at Norfolk, he handled all courtmartial cases. He was released to inactive status as a lieutenant commander in the fall of 1945.

He then opened his law office in the National Bank of Commerce Building. Mr. Irwin's activities in community life led to his election to the presidency of the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk, the Pyramid Club of Norfolk, and the Norfolk Sports Club. He served on the board of deacons of the Knox Presbyterian Church of Norfolk and for several years taught in the Sunday school. Besides the organizations already mentioned, he is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth, Virginia, and American bar associations; the Norfolk Commissioned Officers Club; Ruth Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holding the Thirty-second Degree in this order; Norfolk Yacht and Country Club; and Sigma Nu fraternity.

Mr. Irwin married Mrs. Elise (Loewmer) Aufenger, widow of Richard Aufenger and daughter of Charles and Roslyn Loewmer. Like her father, Mrs. Irwin was born in Harrisonburg. Her mother was a native of Baltimore, Maryland. Charles Loewmer operated a marble business which, having been founded in 1850, was one of the oldest in the Old Dominion. He headed this firm until his death on April 15, 1938. His widow died on September 10, 1941. Mrs. Irwin, who is prominent in welfare and cultural activities, serves on the board of trustees of the Norfolk Symphony and Choral Association and the board of directors of the Florence Crittenden Home. She is also active in the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Hermitage Foundation, and the Norfolk Society of Arts. She is a graduate of Madison College, Harrisonburg. By her first marriage, she is the mother of two children: 1. Richard Aufenger, who married Barbara Woodhouse. They have one

son: Richard, III. 2. Patricia, wife of Richard W. Wilson of Richmond, mother of Mark and Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin make their home at 7301 Apple Tree Lane, Algonquin Park.

DONALD R. LOCKE—A civil engineer with long experience in the municipal field, Donald R. Locke is now city planning engineer for the City Planning Commission of Norfolk. He formerly held a similar office for the County of Arlington. Today, in addition to discharging his duties in Norfolk, he serves as planning consultant to various other municipalities in the Old Dominion. He is well known among the nation's city planners.

Mr. Locke, a native of Rochester, New York, is the son of Charles William and Marie (Carey) Locke, both also born in that city. His father, who died in 1951, was an engineer with the General Railway Signal Company of Rochester for about forty years. The mother died in 1907. Reared in Arlington by an aunt, Emily J. Carey, the city planner attended the public schools of that city and Washington, D. C. For a time he attended high school in the national capital, but completed his secondary education at Devitt Preparatory School, from which he was graduated in 1926. In 1930, he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at George Washington University.

One of his long-time interests is the banjo and after he took his civil engineering degree, which was in the time of the depression, he turned a hobby into a temporary professional career. With a dance band he toured the country, in between-times working on *The Washington Star*. In 1932, the opportunity to enter the career for which he had prepared himself, engineering, presented itself. He became a rodman for the Engineering Department of Arlington County. In 1944, he was made planning engineer for the City of Arlington and in May 1946, the City Planning Commission of Norfolk appointed him to his present office as city planning engineer. Through his consulting work Mr. Locke serves other parts of the Lower Tidewater and of Virginia as a whole.

He is a Registered Professional Engineer of the Commonwealth of Virginia and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, American Institute of Planners and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Outside the profession he belongs to the Lafayette Club, of which he is a director; the Virginia Club and Lions Club of Norfolk and the Cavalier Club of Virginia Beach. With his family he worships in the Episcopal Church (Christ and Saint Luke's Church of Norfolk). In politics he is a Democrat. Gardening is his hobby

and his favorite sport is hunting in Maine and Canada.

Mr. Locke married Shiela Bryan, daughter of Edgar S. and Virgie (Taylor) Bryan, of Norfolk in November 1935. Mrs. Locke's father, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, was a seedsman and was the United States representative for a Netherlands seed concern. He died in 1933. Virgie Bryan, who was born in Hickory, Virginia, died in 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Locke live at 1465 Waylon Avenue, Norfolk. Mrs. Locke is active in the Lakewood Garden Club.

J. PAUL MURPHY—The career he began as office boy with the Empire Machinery and Supply Corporation, following World War I, has led J. Paul Murphy to the presidency of that Norfolk firm, which is a major distributor of mill supplies and machinery, heavy hardware, iron and steel. He has held important municipal and civic posts, and offices in organizations.

Born in Davidson County, North Carolina, on September 9, 1899, Mr. Murphy is a son of Robert D. and Willie (Clodfelter) Murphy. Both parents were also natives of Davidson County. Mrs. Murphy now resides in Portsmouth. She survives her husband, who died in 1947 at the age of seventy-one. For a time, in the early years of his career, he was in the furniture manufacturing business at High Point, North Carolina. He later became a railway mechanic, and was with the railroad for twenty-five years, retiring a short time before his death.

It was at High Point that J. Paul Murphy passed his boyhood years and began his public school education. He completed his studies in the Norfolk County public schools, attended the Norfolk County High School, and in 1919 joined the Empire Machinery and Supply Corporation in the capacity of office boy. He has been with the organization ever since, and advanced through the positions of bookkeeper, billing manager and vice president to the presidency. He was elected to the chief executive office in 1954.

Empire Machinery and Supply Corporation, which has its headquarters at 409 East Water Street, is a wholesale firm, which distributes heavy hardware, iron and steel products, and supplies and machinery essential for the operation of industry, to customers over a wide area, comprising the Carolinas and Virginia. Forty people are employed at the home office in Norfolk, and there are ten traveling salesmen on the staff. Besides Mr. Murphy, the president, the management roster contains the names of J. Ross McNeal, treasurer, and B. P. Deans, secretary.

Mr. Murphy is chairman of the Civil Service

Committee of Portsmouth. He served on the board of directors and served two terms as president of the Young Men's Christian Association in Portsmouth. He is a member of the James River Country Club of Warwick and is a Kiwanian. Particularly active in his church, the Baptist, he serves currently on its board of deacons and as treasurer of its building fund. He has been chairman of the finance committee at various times, and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, in which he is now a teacher. Mr. Murphy serves the broader interests of his denomination. He is a member of the State Board of Missions and Education of the Baptist Church, and is treasurer of the Baptist Council of his home area. He finds a little time in his busy schedule for out-of-door sports, and his favorite pastimes are golf and hunting.

Miss Annie Mary Harrell became the wife of J. Paul Murphy in a ceremony taking place on June 7, 1921. She is the daughter of Jobe and Cora (Mitchell) Harrell. Her father, born in North Carolina, operated a grocery store in Portsmouth. He died in August 1921. Mrs. Harrell was born in Portsmouth. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are the parents of two children: 1. Minnie Kathryn, who was born on April 25, 1923. She is the wife of Robert B. Sawyer, who is store manager at Norfolk with the Empire Machinery and Supply Corporation. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer reside in that city, and are the parents of a daughter, Linda Sue, who was born on February 15, 1948. 2. Mary Patricia, born on October 13, 1929. She married Lloyd Aguero of Rockville Center, Long Island, New York, who is now with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Newport News, Virginia.

Mrs. Murphy is active in the Women's Club of Portsmouth, and in the work of her church. She teaches in its primary department, and was for several years superintendent of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union of Portsmouth. The couple live at 201 Broad Street in that city.

VERNON ARTHELIA MOORE—Outstanding among the architects of Norfolk and the Lower Tidewater Virginia, Vernon A. Moore has to his credit a long list of important structures designed and built from his plans and specifications. His talents and achievements have won him wide recognition.

A native of Norfolk, he was born January 16, 1907, son of Joseph A. and Mollie (Sharpe) Moore and one of six children born to their marriage. His father was a native of Wilson, North Carolina, and the son of Joseph Moore, who lived his entire life in the vicinity of Wilson, where he was a substantial tobacco farmer. Joseph Moore served in the Confederate States Army. His son Joseph

A. Moore, the father of the architect, was engaged in the general building contracting business in Norfolk for many years until his retirement. He headed his own firm, and erected a number of apartment houses in the city. His wife, the former Mollie Sharpe, now deceased, was born at Wilson, North Carolina.

Vernon A. Moore passed his boyhood in his native Norfolk, and received his early education in the elementary schools there, and at Maury High School. To prepare himself for his profession, he then took a course of study at the Beaux Arts Institute of Design in New York City. He began his career with various architectural firms, working in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Miami, Florida.

Returning to his native Norfolk after this early experience, he was the organizer of the architectural firm of Ferguson, Meakin and Moore. After about a year this partnership was dissolved, and in 1937, Mr. Moore established his own firm, which he has since operated under his own name. Offices are at 716 West 20th Street.

Mr. Moore has played a considerable individual part in giving the city of Norfolk and the Lower Tidewater area attractive and intelligently designed new buildings. Notable examples of his work include the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch Building, designed for Norfolk Newspapers, Inc.; the Ocean View Elementary School; Titustown Elementary School; Tucker Elementary School; Newport Avenue Elementary School; Mary Calcott Elementary School; Lakehurst Elementary School; the Roberts Park Elementary School; the Robert Lee School addition; the Granby Elementary School; several defense housing projects including the Oak Leaf Park Project and the Merrimac Park Project; Norfolk Municipal Airport Building; the U. S. O. Government Recreation Center at Ocean View; Norfolk County Health Center; the Paul H. Rose Corporation stores; and Center Shops on 21st Street. He also designed the Intensive Treatment Center; the Park Place Methodist Church; the Epworth Methodist Church; and the Greek Orthodox Church. He has been selected as architect for the new Norfolk General Hospital Building, to be erected at an estimated cost of five and one-quarter million dollars. He has designed many of the fine private homes of the Norfolk area; and his work has been sufficiently varied in character to include plans for heating systems and store fronts, and designs for remodeling contracts, including that for the Thomas Nelson Hotel in Norfolk.

Surrounding Mr. Moore in his well-appointed offices at 716 West 20th Street in Norfolk is a staff of capable and co-operative workers, each well trained and proficient in his specialty. The

organization operates smoothly and efficiently, as the products of the firm indicate.

Mr. Moore was one of the directors of the original Virginia Society of Architects. He is a member of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers. Apart from these professional connections, he is a former member of the Norfolk Kiwanis Club, and belongs to Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He holds the Thirty-second degree as a Scottish Rite Mason, and belongs to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Epworth Methodist Church. For recreation he enjoys golf.

On February 19, 1926, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Vernon A. Moore married Velma A. Morrison of Hastings, Florida. They are the parents of four children: 1. Joseph Arthelia. 2. Luvinia Dolores. 3. Vernon Edward. 4. Carl Nelson. The family's home is at 1420 Lafayette Boulevard, Norfolk.

CLARENCE BAIRD ROBERTSON—Through his participation in important business enterprises and in virtually every major economic, cultural and social field, including public service, education and health and welfare, Clarence Baird Robertson of Norfolk has become an outstanding citizen not only of the Lower Tidewater but the entire South. He is president of the Robertson Chemical Corporation, producers and sellers of sulphuric acid, superphosphate, fertilizer materials and commercial fertilizers, as well as pure Nova Scotia land plaster and prepared and burned shell lime. He serves and has served in various offices or as a director in numerous organizations, including the Commission of Higher Education for Norfolk, the Norfolk Chapter of the American National Red Cross and the Norfolk Community Chest, Norfolk General Hospital, American Plant Food Council, National Fertilizer Association and Virginia Manufacturers, to mention only a few. His reputation is urban, rural and maritime.

Mr. Robertson was born at Salem, Virginia, on September 1, 1891, the son of Beverly Holcomb and Anna McDonald (Baird) Robertson, and nephew of Walter H. Robertson, founder and late president of the Robertson Chemical Corporation. After attending public schools, C. B. Robertson entered Hampden-Sydney College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1915. He is also the holder of the Algernon-Sydney Sullivan Medallion awarded by the college. He studied law for a year at Washington and Lee University.

In 1916 Mr. Robertson joined his uncle in the Robertson Chemical Corporation. He began as a



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clerk and rose step by step to his present office. His first big promotion came in 1920, when he was elected secretary of the corporation and a member of its board of directors. He had meantime been working as a foreman and then superintendent. In 1931, he was promoted to vice president and the same year was elected president. For many years, too, he has been on the board of the Atlantic and Danville Railroad.

Mr. Robertson's earliest public service was in the nation's armed forces in World War I. He was with the Coast Artillery, emerging as a second lieutenant in the Reserve. His record since then has included service as a deacon and president of the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk; trustee of Hampden-Sydney College; director of Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, North Carolina; director of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce; director of the Hampton Roads Maritime Exchange; director and member of the executive committee of the American Plant Food Council, Washington, D. C.; president, director and member of the executive committee of the Norfolk Community Chest; director and member of the executive committee, Norfolk Chapter, American National Red Cross; vice president and director and member of the executive committee of Virginia Manufacturers; director of the Bonney Home for Girls; director and treasurer of the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences; president, director and member of the executive committee of the Norfolk General Hospital; member of the Commission of Higher Education for Norfolk; chairman of Civil Defense for the local manufacturing industries in World War II; director of the Norfolk Young Men's Christian Association; second vice president and director of the Rotary Club of Norfolk; director of the National Fertilizer Association; and a member of the executive committee of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the organizations already mentioned, Mr. Robertson is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and Omega Delta Kappa fraternities, Princess Anne Country Club at Virginia Beach, Norfolk German Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Commissioned Officers Club, Virginia Club, Cavalier Beach and Cabana Club, the Masonic fraternity, American Legion, Sons of the American Revolution, and Norfolk Executives Club. His office is in the Wainwright Building, Bute and Duke streets, Norfolk. His factories are located in Norfolk and South Hill, Virginia, and at Raleigh, Wilmington and Statesville, North Carolina.

Mr. Robertson married Claudia Baldwin Pollard in Norfolk in October 1953. They have one daughter, Claudia Pollard (known to all as "Polly"), who was born in Norfolk in July 1954. The

Robertsons live at 1424 West Princess Anne Road, Norfolk.

STEWART R. WHITEHURST is president of the Whaley Engineering Corporation, a Norfolk firm established in 1919. The firm specializes in the design and construction of specialized precision machines, and as its head, Mr. Whitehurst must bring together rare technical skills and outstanding managerial abilities. He has held his present position for nearly twenty-five years.

A native of Norfolk, he was born on January 8, 1895, son of Stewart Judson and Ella (Davis) Whitehurst. Both parents were also born in that city. It was there that Stewart R. Whitehurst received his public elementary and high school education, attending Maury High School for three years. He then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, where he was a student for another three years, majoring in mechanical engineering. He served in the United States Navy during World War I, holding the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, and following the end of the war, he returned to Norfolk in 1919. He immediately joined associates in forming the Whaley Engineering Corporation—although it was not known as a corporation until some years later. The other co-founders were Edward A. Whaley and Joseph A. Wright. Edward A. Whaley and Company, as it was first referred to, took its name from a brilliant mechanical engineer and scholar, a graduate of Princeton University, who brought the vision and creative leadership on which its early progress depended. He continued to head the firm until his death in 1931. The following year the business was incorporated as the Whaley Engineering Corporation with Stewart R. Whitehurst as president and treasurer. He has filled both positions since that time. The other officials are C. W. Pollard, vice president, who became associated with the firm in 1925; and Mrs. Barton J. Downs, secretary, whose tenure with the company dates from 1928. Since its founding the company has had its headquarters at 3200 East Princess Anne Road. One of the leading engineering firms of the Lower Tidewater region of the state, the Whaley Engineering Corporation has rendered outstanding service to industry in war and peacetime. In its shops are designed and built intricate machines of various types, and precision tools for application throughout the mechanical field. Most of its work is done on contract, and a large number of these contracts have been with the United States Government. During World War II, it carried out a large amount of special precision engineering for the United States Navy, the Air Corps and the Maritime Commission, as well as for private industry. On its pay-

roll at the present time are about forty highly skilled employees; and they as well as the management take just pride in the organization for which they work, and a personal interest in maintaining standards of integrity and quality production.

Mr. Whitehurst is a member of the American Society for Metals, the American Welding Society, and the Engineers Club of Hampton Roads. Aside from these technicians' groups, he is also a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Princess Anne Country Club, and is a communicant of Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Norfolk.

On April 28, 1928, at Norfolk, Stewart R. Whitehurst married Elizabeth Irwin Baldwin, daughter of Robert F. and Lizzie (Deans) Baldwin of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehurst are the parents of two children: 1. Stewart R., Jr., a graduate of the University of Virginia in the Class of 1955. He took his degree of Bachelor of Arts in Economics, and is now a student of architecture at the University of Virginia. 2. Elizabeth Baldwin, a graduate of Maury High School in 1955, and now a student at Holden Arms Junior College in Washington, D. C.

FRANK S. SAGER—The president of the Norfolk Coal and Oil Company, Inc., Frank S. Sager is also a civic leader in the city where he has resided since 1909. He takes a particular interest in young people and their welfare, as reflected in the institutions to which he gives his assistance. The business firm he heads is one of the city's oldest in continuous operation, having been founded in 1892.

A native of Washington County, Maryland, Mr. Sager was born in the community of Beaver Creek on January 23, 1879, son of Aaron D. and Mary E. (Rohrer) Sager. He is descended from forebears who resided in that county over a great many years. His father rendered long service on the bench as judge of the orphans' court of Washington County, and died at Funkstown, Maryland, in 1915, at the age of seventy-four. His wife, the former Mary E. Rohrer, died there in 1922.

Of the eight children born to this couple, Frank S. Sager is the third in order of birth. He passed his boyhood in his native community, and in his youth often fished in Antietam Creek, near the famed battlefield. Following his graduation from high school in 1899, he began his career with the United States Railway Mail Service out of Baltimore, and remained in this work from 1900 until 1909.

In July 1909, he came to Norfolk, and entered the retail coal and oil business in the employ of

the Norfolk Coal and Ice Company, which had been established in 1892. In 1925 the firm sold its ice business, and tightened the organization, dealing only in fuels. It was at that time that the present name, Norfolk Coal and Oil Company, Inc., was adopted. Mr. Sager had become a member of the firm in 1921; and soon after it was incorporated, he was named its president. The first location of the business was at 545 Front Street, and in the early days of its existence the company supplied coal from there to ships in the Norfolk Harbor, in addition to its large retail trade. In 1949, the present headquarters at 1090 West 35th Street were occupied. As retail distributors of coal, fuel oil and kerosene, the company confines its operations to the Norfolk area. From the days of delivery by horse and wagon down to the present, when a fleet of modern trucks serve the customers, the business has thrived, and attributes much of its success to long-standing friendships and good customer relations on which confidence is founded. In many instances, it is serving the third successive generation of customers within a single family. In addition to Mr. Sager, the president, the firm's officials are Sam H. Ferebee, vice president, and Leigh C. Ferebee, secretary and treasurer. All have long records of service with the company. George Ferebee, who died in 1943, was also active in management for many years.

In the career of Frank S. Sager, public spirit and a deep humanitarian interest have been continuous motifs, as evidenced by his cooperation with community projects and organizations. For the past quarter of a century, he has served as treasurer of the Female Orphan Society of Norfolk. He is a member of the board of management of the Bonney Home for Girls, at 403 Mantes Street. He is a past president of the Norfolk Council of Social Agencies, and past chairman of the board of management of the Navy Young Men's Christian Association. He is still serving, after many year' tenure, on the board of directors of the Norfolk General Hospital. In former years he helped organize the Norfolk Community Chest, and was active as campaign manager, or co-manager of its fund campaigns. He was one of the group which organized the Boys' Club of Norfolk. A member of the Chamber of Commerce, he formerly served as a director. He became a member of the Norfolk Rotary Club in 1919, and served as its president in the term extending from 1921 to 1923. He belongs to the Virginia Club and the Princess Anne Country Club. He is also active in trade circles, and is a member and past president of the Norfolk Coal Exchange.

Mr. Sager is fond of the out-of-doors, particularly hunting and fishing. He is a communicant

of the Ghent Methodist Church, serves on its board of stewards, and was a member of its building committee when the present church was erected.

On June 19, 1909, Frank S. Sager married Margaret Harrell Ferebee, the ceremony taking place at Norfolk. Mrs. Sager was the widow of Samuel Ferebee, one of the founders of the Norfolk Coal and Oil Company, Inc., and was the daughter of the daughter of Sam B. Harrell, prominent cotton broker of Norfolk, and his wife, the former Susan Leigh of that city. Mrs. Sager died in 1932.

A student of philosophy, Mr. Sager has always taken a deep interest in the problems of his fellow men, and his fine human spirit and understanding have manifested themselves in countless ways. His vitality and warmth of personality have won him a legion of friends.

JOHN STRODE RIXEY—As a former president of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, John Strode Rixey maintains a position of leadership in the legal profession in the Lower Tidewater. A partner of his brother, James Barbour Rixey, he is a member of the law firm of Rixey and Rixey, with offices in the Citizens Bank Building, Norfolk. Mr. Rixey, a veteran of World War I, is actively interested in national defense and civic projects and is an outstanding member of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk.

He was born in Culpeper, seat of Culpeper County, on July 24, 1890, and is the son of John F. and Ellen (Barbour) Rixey. Both his parents were also natives of Culpeper County. His father, who was both farmer and lawyer, served in the National House of Representatives for twelve years. He practiced law in Culpeper, but spent the last twelve years of his life in Congress and in Washington, D. C. For some years he was Commonwealth Attorney for the County of Culpeper. He died in 1907 at the age of fifty-two. Ellen Barbour Rixey died in 1944.

John Strode Rixey spent the formative years of his life in the national capital, receiving much of his early education in its public schools. He then attended Hampden-Sydney College. Transferring to the University of Virginia, he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911 and that of Bachelor of Laws in 1912.

Mr. Rixey began the practice of law in Clarksburg, West Virginia, in 1912. Subsequently, he spent a year and one-half in practice in New York City. When the United States entered World War I, he applied for and was granted a commission as a second lieutenant. In his two-year career with

the Army's Seventy-seventh Division, he rose from that rank to lieutenant colonel. Honorably discharged in 1919, he returned to Virginia and at Berryville, in Clarke County, practiced for one year. In 1920, he moved to Norfolk, where, with his brother, he established the law firm of Rixey and Rixey. John Rixey operates a farm in Culpeper County. Besides the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, of which he is a past president, he is a member of the Virginia Bar Association. In politics, he is a Democrat. An elder emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, Mr. Rixey taught in its Sunday school for twenty years.

Mr. Rixey married Barbara Franz James in Danville on November 10, 1928. They have two children: 1. Ellen, born in 1932. She is the wife of John W. Barber, Jr., a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, who is in the building supply business in Charlotte. 2. Joan, born in 1935. In 1956, she was in school in Delaware. The Rixey home is at 820 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk. Mrs. Rixey is active in the Norfolk Garden Club.

W. ROY BRITTON, of South Norfolk has long been constructively identified with the industry centered in the distribution of agricultural products. As co-founder, owner and directing head of the Growers Exchange of South Norfolk, he has brought to his firm extensive practical experience and a wealth of ideas, and has been eminently successful in his endeavors. He has given impetus to truck farming in the Norfolk area, and has served his community exceptionally well as chairman of the South Norfolk school board.

He is a native of the city where his business is centered, born there on November 3, 1900, the oldest of four children of George Thomas and Hattie (Wallace-Jones) Britton. The family derives its name from the province of France from which its forebears came, and is to be found in ancient British and early American records, in the various forms of Bretan, Bretun, Bretton, Brettun, Bretagne, Brytayan, Bretagne, Briton, Briten, Britin, Britane, Britan, Britten, and Brittan as well as Britton. The last spelling is most commonly found in America today. It is believed that forebears came to England from France with the followers of William the Conqueror in 1066; and bearers of the name in its various forms are to be found in the records of English counties at early dates, for the most part among the landed gentry. Among the earliest American settlers were those in Virginia. George Thomas Britton was born in Hertford County, North Carolina, and in his early manhood located at South Norfolk. He later removed to Hickory, where he engaged

in farming. In 1913 he took his family to Greensboro, North Carolina, where for a number of years he was engaged in the retail grocery business. He retired several years before his death in 1954. He was a son of James Peyton Britton, planter and merchant of Hertford County, North Carolina, and a veteran of Confederate service, whose wife was Annie Sessions, a native of Hertford County, North Carolina. Hattie Wallace Jones Britton, the mother of the South Norfolk executive, was born in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, and died at Greensboro in 1948. Her father served in the Union Army and was of Scottish descent. Her mother was of Welsh descent.

W. Roy Britton was less than a year old when his family moved from his native South Norfolk to Hickory, Virginia. There he passed his early boyhood, and attended the one-teacher country school nearby. When he was in his thirteenth year, they moved to Greensboro, and there he completed his formal education. In his youth he worked in his father's retail grocery store, and secured a basic knowledge of food retailing. At the age of twenty-six he returned to his native South Norfolk and found employment with the Smith-Douglas Company, Inc., a well-known fertilizer and farm supply house. After he had spent five years with this organization, its president saw the need for a department through which he could aid the growers who were his customers, and many of whom were in financial straits due to the depression. W. Roy Britton was selected to manage such a department, which a year later became the Growers Exchange.

Founded October 25, 1932, the Growers Exchange of South Norfolk was incorporated with Ambrose W. Burfoot as its first president. With the resignation of Mr. Burfoot a year later, Mr. Britton succeeded him as its president. The firm continued as a corporation until 1943, when the old company was liquidated. Retaining the firm name of Growers Exchange, Mr. Britton continued the business as a partnership until August 1, 1954, when he bought the other interests. He has since been sole owner.

Growers Exchange has become one of the outstanding organizations of its kind in the Tidewater region, and its "G-E" brand is a familiar label in vegetable markets throughout the Southeast. Besides raising vegetables on a considerable acreage of its own, the firm acts as distributor for other growers, and buys hundreds of carloads of potatoes and other vegetables each year. Spinach is one of its best-known commodities, and has been distributed through the New York and other big markets.

A careful student of industrial trends, Mr. Britton is a business man of progressive vision, going

along with worth-while new ideas in operation, and originating many of these ideas himself. Growers Exchange has a modern and well-equipped packing house, with eighteen thousand square feet of floor space, ample siding for railway cars, and a platform for trucks. In the packing plant are to be seen many of Mr. Britton's innovations in practice. He was one of the first to install scales at every station along the packing belt, to enable packers to assure full weight. The latest grading and washing machines are part of the firm's equipment, including a device built especially for stripping kale and clipping spinach to be sold to repackers. Early recognition of the repacking trend prompted the development of these machines. Growers Exchange is now featuring vegetables for repackers, paying particular attention to quality and grade.

Mr. Britton is a member of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association of America, and no one in the industry takes a greater interest in the solution of problems involved in the distribution of this produce. He has also taken a vital interest in community projects. For the past nine years he has served as a member of the South Norfolk school board, and for seven of these years has been chairman of the board. During these years, the population of South Norfolk has doubled, with the annexation of Portlock and Riverdale, and he has played a leading part in securing a modern school system to keep pace with the growth. In the course of his tenure, the Oscar Frommell Smith High School and the George Washington Carver High School have been built, as well as several elementary schools. Mr. Britton is a devoted church worker, a member of the vestry of St. Bride's Episcopal Church. He is a member of the lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 38. His hobby is taking motion-pictures.

On October 31, 1921, at South Norfolk, W. Roy Britton married Helen Chillson, daughter of the late Harry B. and Clytie (Miller) Chillson. Her father was a native of Connecticut and her mother of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Britton are the parents of three children: 1. William Roy, Jr., a graduate of the College of William and Mary and of Virginia Theological Seminary. Ordained an Episcopal minister, he formerly served as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Smithfield, Virginia. He is now a partner in the interior decorating firm of Neal Thomas of Norfolk. William Roy Britton, Jr., married Elise Lemley of Kingsport, Tennessee, and they are the parents of a daughter, Lisa Rebecca. 2. Jean Carolyn, who married Maurice Price of Kentucky, a career officer in the United States Navy. 3. Janet Constance, attended the College of William and Mary



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at Williamsburg and is married to George Wilson of Los Angeles, California.

THOMAS PESCOD CHISMAN—The voice of the National Broadcasting Company on the Virginia Peninsula to which residents of the Lower Tidewater are listening more and more is Radio Station WVEC and its companion, WVEC-TV. The founder and president of the corporation which operates these two stations is Thomas Pescud Chisman, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Mr. Chisman, who was born in Hampton on December 8, 1921, is the son of Samuel Reade and Mary Lee (Cannon) Chisman. His father, also a native of Hampton, died in 1933. The mother, born in Norfolk, survives him. Thomas P. Chisman, reared in Hampton, attended its public schools. He was graduated in 1939. Four years later he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Virginia and in the same year, 1943, studied at Columbia University, New York City.

In the next four years Mr. Chisman was an officer in the United States Navy, with which he served in the Atlantic Theater of Operations, emerging in 1946 with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade. With the outbreak of war in Korea, he returned to the armed forces, this time as a captain in the United States Army assigned to the Air Defense of Washington, D. C. He was on active duty for two years.

In 1947, Mr. Chisman organized the Peninsula Broadcasting Corporation at Hampton and he has since been its president. His two stations, WVEC-AM and WVEC-TV, maintain offices and studios at 1940 Pembroke Avenue, Hampton, and 812 Twenty-first Street, Norfolk, and employ sixty persons. Mr. Chisman, active in community life, is a former member of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church of Hampton and is a member of the Rotary Club of Hampton. His fraternity is Sigma Phi Epsilon.

He married Martha Pamela Merritt of Charlottesville in Miami, Florida, on October 2, 1943. She is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. W. B. Merritt. The Chismans have four children: 1. Thomas Pescud, Jr., born on March 28, 1945. 2. Martha Pamela Merritt, born on February 8, 1947. 3. Lila Elizabeth. 4. Anne Meriwether Michie, born on August 21, 1955. Their home is at 113 Powhatan Parkway, in Hampton.

JAMES WASHINGTON REED, M.D.—Doctor James Washington Reed of Norfolk rose to prominence as a public servant as well as a physician. He was a vigorous leader in the cause of civic progress and gave much time and service for

humanity. As councilman and as mayor, he initiated changes which have proved of distinct benefit to the city.

Dr. Reed was born on April 9, 1888 in King William County, son of James Thomas and Alice Lenora (Trimmer) Reed. He was a descendant of the Pollard and Ragland families of Hanover County, Virginia. He received his early education in the schools of King William County and completed his preparatory studies at West Point Academy, West Point, Virginia. He took his pre-medical course at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg. In 1910, he took a course at the Rush Medical School, sponsored by the University of Illinois in Chicago. He entered the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1912. Dr. Reed interned at old St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk and began private practice at Appalachia, but in 1914 he moved to Ocean View, then a suburb of Norfolk, where he centered his practice throughout his career. He quickly won a place in the life of the community and his professional qualifications earned him recognition among his colleagues and private citizens as well. He built up an extensive general practice in medicine and surgery. Throughout his career he kept pace with advancements in medical science, frequently attending medical clinics and professional meetings. In 1926, he took special postgraduate courses with a group attending the Interstate Post Graduate Assemblies in Vienna and other medical centers in Europe. He served devotedly and unstintingly, and never spared himself when called, particularly in cases of emergency. The thought of personal comfort and convenience never caused him to ignore a call from the sick. For more than thirty years, Dr. Reed was active as a member of the staff of St. Vincent's and De Paul Hospitals and served as surgeon for the Virginia Electric and Power Company for many years. He was consulting physician at the Norfolk Community Hospital. In June 1913, he was appointed surgeon of the Louisville and Nashville Railway, the Interstate Railway and the South Western Railway with headquarters in Appalachia. He served as Health Officer of Norfolk County from 1914 to 1917. He was a member of the Norfolk County Medical Society, the Virginia State Medical Society, the Seaboard Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Dr. Reed took genuine pleasure in his life's work of healing and regarded his high calling with love, pride and zeal.

Devoted to his community, he became widely known for his leadership in Norfolk's civic and governmental affairs. He became the first representative in the city's government from any of the

area annexed to the city in 1923. He was first chosen a member of the Norfolk City Council in March 1934, by unanimous vote of the Council to fill the unexpired term of Colonel Samuel S. Slover, who had resigned. Dr. Reed was re-elected four times by popular vote; and he was named vice president of the council on September 1, 1940. Four years later, when Captain Joseph D. Wood resigned in mid-term, Dr. Reed was chosen mayor of Norfolk and served in that capacity until 1946. The physician left a magnificent record of public service. Few other men have devoted so much time and energy to the interests of the community.

Dr. Reed also took an active part in the work of the Episcopal Church of the Advent where he served as vestryman. He was a member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Auld Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member of the advisory council of the Norfolk Chapter, Grand Council, Order of DeMolay. In addition he was an honorary member of the Ocean View Lions Club, and a member of Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Fond of the out-of-doors, he enjoyed hunting and fishing expeditions whenever time allowed.

On October 29, 1913, Dr. James Washington Reed married Hazel Jane Weaver of Newport News, daughter of Christian Kreider and Elton Ann (Smith) Weaver. Mrs. Reed is a descendant of the Dobson, Freeman and Rowe families, early settlers in Gloucester, Virginia. Over the years, Mrs. Reed has been active in civic and religious affairs of the city, having served as a board member for the Girl Scouts, The American Red Cross, and the Anti-Tuberculosis League of Norfolk. She has done volunteer work as a Gray Lady. Mrs. Reed is a communicant of the Episcopal Church of the Advent and is a member of the Woman's Reading Club of Norfolk. Dr. and Mrs. Reed became the parents of three sons and one daughter: 1. James Weaver, born November 5, 1914; he graduated from the College of William and Mary, taking his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1935. He then entered the Medical College of Virginia and in 1939 received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery there. He entered the United States Army Air Corps in 1940. Assigned to the Dental Corps, he helped establish dental clinics at various air bases. At the time of his separation from the service in 1945, he held the rank of lieutenant colonel, which rank he still holds in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Dr. James Weaver Reed now practices in Norfolk and is a member of the staff of De Paul Hospital. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason, member of Khedive Temple. He is a member of the Ameri-

can Dental Association, Virginia Dental Association, and Tidewater Dental Association. He is a member of the Princess Anne Country Club. He married, first, Sara Elizabeth Iobst, who died on February 27, 1941. They were the parents of one son, Frederick Forrest, who was born April 16, 1935. Dr. Reed married, second, Frances Evelyn Smith, a native of Lynchburg, and they have three children: i. John Arthur, born October 17, 1950-adopted. ii. Benjamin Thomas, born February 29, 1952-adopted. iii. James Weaver, Jr., born November 17, 1952. They attend St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church. 2. Thomas Christian, born August 5, 1916. He was in his senior year at Hampden-Sydney College when he was killed in an automobile accident on April 1, 1939. 3. Constance Elizabeth, and 4. Richard Courtney, twins, born January 20, 1920. Constance is a graduate of the College of William and Mary where she took her degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1942. She is active in parish secretarial work and participates in the cultural affairs of Norfolk. She is a member of the Great Bridge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, American Association of University Women-Norfolk Branch, Delta Delta Delta national sorority-Norfolk Alliance, Norfolk-Portsmouth Panhellenic Association and is a communicant of the Episcopal Church. Richard Courtney Reed, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Reed, is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, where he completed his pre-medical course in 1942 and received his degree of Bachelor of Science. He then entered the Medical College of Virginia and in 1945 took his degree of Doctor of Medicine there. He interned at De Paul Hospital, after which he entered private practice in Norfolk. For two years he served in the United States Air Force with the rank of captain. He is on the staff of De Paul Hospital, Leigh Memorial and Norfolk General hospitals and is a member of The American Medical Association, Virginia State Medical Society, the Norfolk County Medical Society, The American Academy of General Practice, the Virginia Academy of General Practice, and the Tidewater Chapter of General Practice. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason, member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Khedive Temple, the Norfolk-Portsmouth Virginia Military Institute Alumni Club, Chi Phi medical fraternity, and the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. He attends Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church and serves on the board of deacons there. Dr. Richard C. Reed married Elizabeth LeGrande File of Beckley, West Virginia, and they are the parents of two sons: i. Richard Courtney, Jr., born July 6, 1948. ii. William Washington, born March 30, 1952.

Dr. James Washington Reed continued his in-

terest in civic and professional programs until his death September 23, 1952.

AUBREY RAY PENTECOST, JR.—As an architect, Aubrey Ray Pentecost, Jr., has made tangible contributions to Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia whose value is measured in millions of dollars. His contributions to the beauty and modernity of these communities, not so readily evaluated, identify him as one of the region's most useful professional men. He has to his credit a list of designs for important structures too long to give in full in this brief biographical sketch. His work has been characterized by great variety, and professionally he is not influenced by any one school of architecture. He has always placed utility, or fitness of purpose, above ornamentation or striking effects, although beauty of design is ever present.

The firm of A. Ray Pentecost, Jr., wholly owned and operated by him, was established in Norfolk in 1948, solely as an architectural organization, and in this capacity it has served private, commercial, and municipal, state and federal government interests both in and outside of the state of Virginia. Associated with Mr. Pentecost, in his well-appointed offices on the second floor of the Nick Wright Building, 21st Street and Colonial Avenue, is a group of well-trained and experienced specialists. Broad technical education and ample experience are to be found in the background of his own career, and he has earned wide recognition in his profession.

Born April 12, 1917, at Nelson, Virginia, Mr. Pentecost is a son of Aubrey Ray, Sr., and Idabell (Nelson) Pentecost. His father was born in Person County, North Carolina, and in the early years of his career, was a general building contractor. For the past two decades he has served as chief of police of Lawrenceville, Virginia. Idabell Nelson, whom he married, was born in the community of Nelson, which was named for her family. They had large plantation interests in that vicinity.

A. Ray Pentecost, Jr., graduated from Lawrenceville High School in 1935. He attended Perry Business College before entering Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he graduated in 1942 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering. The following year he took his degree of Master of Science in Architectural Engineering at the same school. He began his professional experience in 1943 as a naval architect, P-3, in the employ of the Norfolk Navy Yard at Portsmouth, and in that capacity, designed heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems for naval vessels. He

left in 1945 to join S. Russ Minter, a Cumberland, Maryland, architect, as chief draftsman. The following year he spent several weeks in Washington and Richmond, studying architectural and engineering requirements and rules in the Federal Housing Administration offices. In 1946-1947, he was associated with the firm of Rudolph, Cooke and Van Leeuwen, Architects, in Norfolk.

He left to form his own firm, A. Ray Pentecost, Jr., in 1948, and within a relatively short time, had built up one of the largest general architectural firms in Norfolk. Outstanding examples of his work include the following housing projects: Lafayette Shore, Norfolk (1948) six hundred forty-four units; Ocean Lake, an eighty-four-apartment project at Virginia Beach; Camp Allen Apartments, four hundred units for the United States Navy, on which he worked with E. Tucker Carlton in 1951; Little Creek Apartments, four hundred units also for the Navy—also with Mr. Carlton in 1951; and Ocean View Apartments. His designs for educational institutions have included an addition to Liberty Park School (1950); Bayview Elementary School (1953) and Granby High School addition (1950), both for the city of Norfolk; Granby High School addition, physical education plant, and new kitchen and cafeteria facilities (now in the process of construction); Maury High School addition (1953); Oscar Frommel Smith High School (1954); George Washington Carver High School (1953); Oscar Frommel Smith High School Stadium (1955); South Hill Elementary School (1955); Waterford Elementary School addition (1955); Providence Elementary School (1956); Little Creek Elementary School addition, at Princess Anne (1955); Aragona Elementary School (1956); Seatack Elementary School addition at Princess Anne (1955); New Lakewood Junior High School, Norfolk (1956); in association with Joseph B. Courtney, architect. Also, in association with the architectural firm of Walford and Wright, Mr. Pentecost made the designs for Virginia State College, a project completed for the State of Virginia in 1954 at a cost of nearly two million dollars. For the various religious denominations in his area, Mr. Pentecost has designed the Bayview Baptist Church at Norfolk (1952); Lawrenceville Baptist Church (1954); Talbot Park Baptist Church (1954); Camellia Acres Presbyterian Church, Norfolk (1955); First Methodist Church, Norfolk (1955); Chesapeake Avenue Methodist Church, South Norfolk (1955); Norview Baptist Church, Norfolk (1955); Central Baptist Church, Norfolk (1953); and First Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth (1955). Commercial projects for which he performed the architectural work have included showrooms and warehouse for Norfolk Paints Stores (between

1950 and 1954); Pontiac Corporation; Nick Wright Motor Company showrooms and office in Norfolk (1950); parts department for the same company (1955); H. D. Motor Company showrooms, Surry (1949); Edward L. Nelson warehouse, Norfolk (1955); Louis Legum Furniture Company building, Norfolk (1955); Economy Foods warehouse, Norfolk (1950); Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association office building (1955); Merchants and Planters Bank Building, Little Creek Road Branch (1955). Recreational facilities he has designed include the Beazley Recreation Center, Portsmouth (1950); Armed Services Y.M.C.A., Portsmouth (1949); Y.W.C.A. Activities Building, Norfolk (1953); swimming pool for Norfolk's Boys' Club (1954). Other projects include structure for Suburban Enterprises, Norfolk (1954); J. B. Denny Office Building, Norfolk (1953); and the W. L. Hughes Office Building in that city (1954). He was engaged in the planning stages of Norfolk's Coca-Cola bottling plant, and the twelve-story Rennert Garage Corporation Building at Monticello in which project he was associated with Mr. Courtney. He has also designed a number of fine residences, and other structures for private interests.

Mr. Pentecost is a member of the American Institute of Architects, which has conferred on him its Medal for General Excellence in Architecture. He is also a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, and his fraternities are Tau Sigma Delta (honorary architectural), Tau Beta Pi (national honorary engineering) and Phi Kappa Phi (national scholastic). At Norfolk, he holds membership in the Executives Club, Norfolk Rotary Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and attends Talbot Park Baptist Church. Among the outdoor sports, he prefers fishing.

At Danville, Virginia, on March 5, 1943, A. Ray Pentecost, Jr., married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Arthur Webster and Anna (Smith) Smith of that city. Mrs. Pentecost is a graduate of Strafford College of Music in Danville. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Ellen Elizabeth, born March 30, 1946. 2. Aubrey Ray, III, born July 14, 1953. The family resides at 1530 Blanford Circle, Lockhaven, Norfolk.

LEON CURTIS HALL—The place of Leon Curtis Hall, president of the Norfolk Savings and Loan Corporation, is firmly established in the financial, business and civic circles of Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia, of which he is a native. With a wide reputation as a banker, he has served as president of the American Industrial Bankers Association; and his devoted and effective efforts in civic and welfare causes have won him the respect

of his fellow citizens. A man of high principles and humane motivations, he is popular for his personal qualities as well.

A native of Great Bridge in Norfolk County, Mr. Hall was born on April 1, 1907, son of George Magruder and Minnie (Wood) Hall. His father died November 1, 1951, but Mrs. Hall survives and maintains her home in the Great Bridge community. George M. Hall conducted a general merchandise store there, and also engaged in farming. Leon C. Hall graduated from Great Bridge High School in 1925 and continued his education at the College of William and Mary. There he was a student for two years, and majored in business administration. In 1925 he began his career in banking.

He first joined the staff of the Merchants and Planters Bank in the Berkley section of Norfolk, beginning in the humble capacity of runner and earning advancement on his own merits. In 1930 he left to join the Norfolk Savings and Loan Corporation. He began there as a bookkeeper, and advanced steadily to the executive ranks, becoming president of the institution in 1953. In the early years of his connection, he attended Norfolk College Night School for a period of four years, and there studied business administration and law to better equip himself for banking and general commercial responsibilities. In the meantime, he had been promoted from bookkeeper to investigation officer, and subsequently became assistant manager. From 1939 until 1942, he served as acting manager of the bank, and in the latter year was promoted to secretary, continuing his duties as manager. He became executive vice president in 1948, and held that office until his promotion to the presidency in 1953.

A member of the board of directors of the American Industrial Bankers Association, Mr. Hall served as president of this national body in 1952. During 1943-1944 he was president of the Virginia Industrial Bankers Association, and he continues to serve on its board of directors. In 1950-1951, he served on a subcommittee of the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council.

Mr. Hall is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, member and past president of the Lions Club, and member and past treasurer of the Norfolk Executives Club. He has long been active on behalf of the Salvation Army, and now serves as a member of its Virginia State Advisory Board. He is a member and past chairman of the board of stewards of Park Place Methodist Church of Norfolk.

In Masonry, he is a member and past master of Owens Lodge No. 164, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the higher bodies of the Scottish Rite. Holding the Thirty-second degree, he belongs



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to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Norfolk.

On February 21, 1931, at Norfolk, Leon Curtis Hall married Margaret Birsch, daughter of the late John M. and Margaret (Thomas) Birsch. Her father was a general building contractor at Blackstone, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hall make their home at 6145 Eastwood Terrace, Norfolk, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Leon Curtis, Jr., born January 15, 1934. Taking premedical courses at Hampden-Sydney College, he graduated there in 1956, and is now pursuing his medical studies at the University of Richmond. 2. Margaret Agnes, who was born on July 15, 1940; now a junior at Maury High School.

CHARLES T. ABELES—Through his contribution in various fields of human endeavor, Charles T. Abeles of Norfolk has become a well known citizen of the Lower Tidewater. He is active in transportation, the legal profession, cultural programs, civic work, and education. Associated with the Seaboard Airline Railway for nearly four decades Mr. Abeles is now the road's senior general attorney, and among the community offices he holds is that of chairman of the Norfolk Commission of Higher Education.

Mr. Abeles was born in Saint Louis, Missouri, on July 22, 1891, one of the seven boys (he was a twin) of the family of J. David and Emily (Taussig) Abeles, both of whom were also natives of Saint Louis. J. David Abeles, who died in 1920 at the age of seventy-two, was in the real estate business in that city. The mother died in 1898.

Charles T. Abeles received his early education in his native city. Graduated from Smith Academy, a private school, in 1907, he matriculated at Harvard University. In 1913 he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts and in 1916 that of Bachelor of Laws in the Harvard Law School. As coxswain and captain of the varsity crew in 1913, he made a reputation in intercollegiate circles.

Upon taking his law degree in 1916, Mr. Abeles returned to Saint Louis and, gaining admission to the Missouri Bar, began practice as an associate of the law firm of Boyle and Priest. He was with this firm from September 1916, until April 1917. The United States having declared war against the Central Powers that month, he enlisted in the Navy. Until February 1918 he was assigned to patrol work off the Atlantic Coast. In this period he rose in rank to chief boatswain's mate. His next assignment was to the Office of Naval Intelligence, with which he served until his honorable discharge in May, 1919.

Mr. Abeles' Naval career led, indirectly, to his career with the Seaboard Airline Railway. He was

appointed an attorney for the railway when he left the Navy in 1919. In 1926 he was promoted to solicitor and in 1934 to assistant general solicitor. From 1938 to 1943 he was general attorney and in 1943 he became senior general attorney. In 1956 he was appointed general solicitor in charge of law. His office is in the Seaboard Airline Railway Building in Norfolk.

In the years Mr. Abeles has been serving with the railroad he has been one of Norfolk's most active citizens. From 1946 to 1950 he was president of the Norfolk Forum, and he is now chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, president of the Norfolk Service Men's Club and a director of the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences, Community Concert Association, Feldman Chamber Music Society, and DePaul Hospital. He worships in the Episcopal Church and is a Democrat.

Mr. Abeles married Sally Pope Taylor, daughter of Richard Calvert and Cecilia Ashton (Delihant) Taylor, in Norfolk on May 8, 1926. Mrs. Abeles, a native of Norfolk, is well known in civic welfare programs there. She is on the boards of directors of the Norfolk Community Chest and the Norfolk Council of Social Agencies. Her father, who was born in Norfolk, was active in the general merchandise business in his native city for many years. He died in 1910. Her mother, a native of Chicago, Illinois, died in 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Abeles have two children: 1. Charles Calvert, born on November 3, 1929. He is a lawyer who took his professional degree at the University of Virginia. 2. Sally Taylor, born on August 28, 1932. She is a graduate of Manhattanville College, New York City, and of The Sorbonne, Paris, France. The Abeles' home is at 1307 Daniel Avenue, Lochhaven.

ALEXANDER HERBERT BELL—A former United States Collector of Customs for Virginia, Alexander Herbert Bell has thrice been elected city treasurer of Norfolk. Well known and influential among the municipal officials of the state, he is also prominent in the civic and social life of the Lower Tidewater. His Naval service in World War I, followed by a profound interest in national defense, has made him active in veterans' affairs and in the work of the armed forces committee of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

Alex H. Bell, as he prefers to be called, was born in Norfolk on November 14, 1890, into a family which established itself in the South in colonial days. His father, also a native of Norfolk, was Norman Bell, who joined the Confederate Army when he was sixteen years old, in 1861. Assigned to duty as a clerk to General Robert E. Lee, he was with the commander-in-chief at the surrender at Appomattox. Upon his return to Nor-

folk after the war, he entered the cotton business and for many years until his death served as superintendent of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Cotton Exchange in Norfolk. He died on October 20, 1916, at the age of seventy-four. The city treasurer's mother, Ellen (Herbert) Bell died in August 1925.

Alex H. Bell grew up in Norfolk and there received his education. He was seventeen when he, too, went to work in the Norfolk and Portsmouth Cotton Exchange. With the declaration of war by Congress in April 1917, he left his job to enlist in the Navy. He rose to the rating of chief petty officer, serving mostly on ships which carried supplies to the American Expeditionary Force in France. At the time of his separation from the service in February 1919, he was a chief yeoman, a rating he retained in the Naval Reserve until June 1921.

From 1919 to 1942 Mr. Bell was engaged in the general insurance business in Norfolk. In those years he became prominent in community life and the Democratic Party. On February 3, 1942, he was appointed collector of customs for all the ports of Virginia and this office he held until appointed, in February 1948, to fill out an unexpired term as city treasurer of Norfolk. In 1949, he was elected to that office, and re-elected in 1953 and 1957. Thirty-six persons are employed in his office.

Mr. Bell has served as president of the Municipal Treasurers' Association of Virginia, the United Memorial Day Association, the Norfolk German Club and the Old Town Club of Norfolk. He is a member not only of the armed forces committee of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce but of such ex-servicemen's organizations as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Also, he belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution and the Norfolk Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. At his church, St. Paul's Episcopal, he has served several terms on the vestry and for ten years was superintendent of the Sunday school. Fishing and hunting are his favorite sports.

Mr. Bell married Elizabeth Jernigan, daughter of Hunter and Elizabeth (Bayton) Jernigan, in Norfolk on January 16, 1918. Mrs. Bell was born in Bertie County, North Carolina, her mother in Princess Anne County and her father also in Bertie County. Mr. Jernigan, a cotton merchant, was president of J. W. Perry and Company of Norfolk for many years. He died in 1921, his widow in 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have two children: 1. Elizabeth Jernigan, born in April 1923. She is the wife of Commander Charles D. Robison of the United States Navy and a graduate (June 1942) of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. They are the parents of three children: i. Charles D., Jr., born

in 1946. ii. Alexander Bell, born in 1949. iii. Liza, born in 1951. 2. Alexander, born on April 11, 1927. He enlisted in the United States Navy when he was seventeen and served until the end of World War II. He married Jeanne Yates of Norfolk and they have one son, Alexander Herbert, II, who was born in January 1956. The senior Mr. and Mrs. Alex H. Bell make their home at 1400 Westover Avenue, Norfolk. Mrs. Bell is a member of the Junior League of Norfolk and the Norfolk Garden Club.

CHARLES HUTCHINSON MCCOY—A certified public accountant with offices in the Royster Building in Norfolk, Charles Hutchinson McCoy has long maintained a high professional level in accountancy. His varied interests have made him a prominent citizen of Norfolk.

He was born in that city on November 12, 1901, son of the late George W. and Lena (Holland) McCoy. His forebears settled in Virginia in colonial times. George W. McCoy was a marine engineer, a commissioned officer in the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues, and an organizer and partner of the Smith and McCoy Shipyard of Norfolk, predecessor of the Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation. He was a man of unusual ability and attainments, although he was only thirty-eight years old when he died in 1912. He was descended from a family of planters, surveyors and manufacturers. His mother was an Ellington, and her family was connected by marriage to those of Elliott, Waddel, Rice and Flippin. Members of the family in each generation served their country. P. Alexander Ellington was in the Confederate States Army. John Wesley Ellington served in the War of 1812. David Ellington served in the Revolutionary War, and his father, John, furnished supplies to the Continental Line during that conflict. Another John Ellington, on March 8, 1712, surveyed both sides of Ellington's Branch on orders from the court of Prince George County. This John Ellington obtained a land grant of two hundred acres, and later for another three hundred and forty acres. His first patent was for land in Prince George County, granted by King George in 1707. Lena (Holland) McCoy, the mother of Charles H. McCoy, attended Norfolk College for Young Ladies. She was descended from Daniel Holland of Ireland, and Jane Salter of Pennsylvania; also Samuel James Frost of Chester and London, England, and the Hutchinson family of Liverpool and Virginia.

Charles Hutchinson McCoy graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk in 1922. He attended Virginia Military Institute and graduated from Pace Institute in New York, where he majored in accounting. He was associated with the Vir-

ginia Electric and Power Company of Norfolk for a matter of three months. He then entered the Norfolk accounting firm of Frederick B. Hill and Company, with which he remained for several years. In 1934 he became a certified public accountant, having passed the examination given by the Virginia State Board of Accountancy. Subsequently he became a partner with the late E. P. Dallas in the accounting firm of E. P. Dallas and Company of Norfolk, and their association continued until the death of Mr. Dallas in 1939.

At that time, Mr. McCoy formed his own firm under the name of Charles H. McCoy, Certified Public Accountant, with offices in the Royster Building. Besides its practice of public accounting, the firm acts as tax advisor. It has built up a large clientele among commercial and industrial organizations in Tidewater Virginia. Mr. McCoy is licensed to practice before the United States Treasury Department and the Board of Tax Appeals (now the United States Tax Court). He is a member of the American Institute of Accountants, and the Virginia Society of Public Accountants.

Mr. McCoy is a Kiwanian, and a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Cavalier Beach Club, the Virginia Military Institute Sportsman's Club, the Virginia Military Institute Alumni Association and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. Affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons he is a member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, and Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a communicant of the Church of the Good Shepherd. His favorite outdoor sport is boating.

On March 23, 1935 at Norfolk, Charles H. McCoy married Anne Griffin, daughter of the late William J. and Alberta (Evans) Griffin. Her father was owner and manager of the Eastern Transportation Company of Manteo, North Carolina, owners and operators of passenger and cargo vessels in North Carolina. Mrs. McCoy was born at Manteo and graduated from Greensboro College in North Carolina. She took graduate courses at the College of William and Mary, and also religious studies at Randolph-Macon College. She is active in the cultural and religious affairs of Norfolk, and is past president of the Meadowbrook Parent-Teacher Association. She has also served as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and she is a member of the Lockhaven Garden Club, the Hermitage Foundation, the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Science, the Myers House, the Auxiliary of the Norfolk General Hospital, the Goodwill Guild, Norfolk Symphony Orchestra Auxiliary, and has been active in the Red Cross, Community Chest, March of Dimes and

other charity campaigns. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are the parents of two children: 1. Charles Hutchinson, Jr., born in Norfolk on December 12, 1936. He attended public schools in Norfolk and Staunton Military Academy, and graduated from Oxford Academy, Pleasantville, New Jersey, in 1954. He is now a student at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina, where he majored in business administration. 2. Eleanor Evans, born in Norfolk on June 30, 1938. She attended public schools in Norfolk and is now a student at Holton Arms School in Washington, D. C. For seven years she attended Preston School of Dance, and received her diploma there in 1954. In 1953 she won Psi Mu Nu fraternity's designation, "Miss Psi Mu Nu of 1953." She has studied art with Mrs. Fanny Taylor and Professor Jozsef Orsolya. The Charles H. McCoy family residence is at 1536 Blanford Circle, Norfolk.

JOHN E. WOOL, SR.—The John E. Wool Lumber Company, Inc., of Norfolk, was founded in 1943 by the man whose name it bears. Engaged in the manufacture, wholesaling and retailing of pine and hardwood lumber, it has established a second location at Virginia Beach, and has grown steadily into one of the outstanding lumber and building materials firms in the greater Norfolk area. Specializing in industrial lumber, it also distributes a complete line of Grade A building materials throughout Norfolk and Princess Anne counties as well as in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach. The main office and plant are at 1000 East Berkley Avenue Extension, while the Virginia Beach branch is located at 1317 Birdneck Road. The Norfolk plant was erected in 1946, and it is an interesting fact that the five-acre site which it occupies was bought in 1877 by John E. Wool's maternal grandfather, Captain Darius Webb Todd, a seafaring man, following his retirement. In its operations as an industrial lumber firm, the John E. Wool Lumber Company manufactures kiln-dried pines and hardwoods, in addition to acting as retail and wholesale distributor of flooring, plywood, wallboard and sheet rock. It stocks a complete line of building materials which include window units, siding, hardware, roofing, and paints. The Virginia Beach branch, which was established in 1952, is managed by John E. Wool, Jr. John E. Wool, Sr., is president and treasurer of the corporation; Joseph C. Wool is vice president and secretary, and John E. Wool, Jr., is vice president.

The founder and president has been identified with the lumber industry in its various phases since 1924. He was born October 28, 1905, at Portsmouth, son of the late Theodore Jackson and Annie Esther (Todd) Wool. His father was born in New York

State, and his forebears had come to this country from England in early colonial days. Several members of the family served the cause of the colonies in the war of independence. In his early boyhood, Theodore Jackson Wool came to Virginia with his parents, who settled at Petersburg. He received his early education in the McCabe School in that city, and after completing his studies at Hampden-Sydney College, he entered the University of Virginia where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. For half a century prior to his death in 1943, he engaged in the individual practice of law, specializing in corporate and real estate practice. In the early years of his career he maintained his home and office in Portsmouth, and later relocated in Norfolk where he remained until his death. He was a leader in sponsoring the Jamestown Exposition at Norfolk. When this exposition closed, he was among the far-sighted men who realized that the site was ideal for naval purposes, and was active in securing its use to that end. In 1908, after Congress had failed to act on a pending bill to purchase the property, he joined others in organizing the Fidelity Land and Investment Corporation, which bought the former exposition property for two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars, and following the outbreak of World War I, when its value finally came to be realized, he helped negotiate its sale to the government, prefacing the construction of the great naval base there. Annie Esther Todd, whom he married, was born in Portsmouth, and died at Virginia Beach in 1955, at the age of eighty-three. The couple became the parents of five children: 1. Todd, a retired tobacco industry executive. He served as vice president, secretary and director of P. Lorillard and Company of New York. 2. Esther, unmarried and a resident of Virginia Beach. 3. Theodore Jackson, who is deceased. 4. John E., Sr. 5. Joseph C., vice president and secretary of the John E. Wool Lumber Company.

John E. Wool, Sr., received his early education in the Robert E. Lee Elementary School, attended Maury High School for one year, then continued his secondary studies at Fishburn Military School. He completed his education with a course in accounting at Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

He began his career in the lumber business in 1924 with the old North Carolina Pine Association. He continued with this firm for two years, then entered the employ of the Addington-Beaman Lumber Company of Norfolk, representing this firm in various capacities for seventeen years. After working in the office for a time, he went on the road as traveling salesman, with the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Maryland and Delaware as his ter-

ritory. He later covered a Virginia territory from Gordonsville to the east coast, buying and selling lumber for Addington-Beaman. The year prior to his resignation to form his own company, he assisted Mr. Addington and Mr. Beaman in the Norfolk office. He became widely and favorably known in the lumber industry.

He left in 1943 and the same year the John E. Wool Lumber Company was formed. His excellent background and varied experience in the industry were useful in building a vital and growing organization. He is active in the wider circles of his colleagues, being a member of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, a lumbermen's organization, the Virginia Builders Materials Association, the Cavalier Beach Club, the Surf Beach Club, and the Norfolk Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. He attends the First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach.

On January 16, 1920, John E. Wool, Sr., married Margaret Hanley of Princess Anne County, daughter of Theron and Buttia P. Hanley. The couple are the parents of two sons: 1. John E., Jr., attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He served with the United States Army Engineers in World War II, and is now vice president of the John E. Wool Lumber Company and manager of its Virginia Beach branch. 2. Theodore Jackson, 3rd, attended Virginia Military Institute. The Wool family resides at Virginia Beach.

FINLAY FORBES FERGUSON, JR.—Following in the footsteps of his father, the late Finlay Forbes Ferguson, Sr., noted architect of Norfolk, Finlay F. Ferguson, Jr., has added credit and prestige to an old and distinguished family name, long honored in Norfolk.

He was born in Norfolk on August 6, 1908, son of Finlay Forbes, Sr., and Helen (Evans) Ferguson. The family is of Scottish origin, and is descended from Finlay Forbes Ferguson, the immigrant, who was born in Fife, Scotland, in 1752. He came to Norfolk with his two brothers during the colonial period, and he died in that city in 1812. From the immigrant ancestor, the line of descent runs through Finlay Forbes (2) Ferguson, who served as mayor of Norfolk in 1856-1858, having previously held the office of assessor and commissioner of revenue. His son, Charles Martin Ferguson, a native of Norfolk and grandfather of Finlay Forbes Ferguson, Jr., was a Norfolk business man early in his career. He later lived retired in comfortable circumstances, and died in 1904 at the age of fifty-two. He married Mary Fitzgerald, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, who lived out her life in Norfolk.



Geo. A. Broughton.

Their son, Finlay Forbes Ferguson, Sr., was born in Norfolk on November 18, 1875. He attended Norfolk Academy, and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts from Hampden-Sydney College. He later attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 1898. As one of the noted architects of Norfolk, he was associated with the architectural firm of Ferguson, Cabrow and Taylor, which later became known as Ferguson, Cabrow and Wrenn, and, after World War I, as Peebles and Ferguson. In his later years, and until his death in 1936, he carried on an individual practice. He won wide recognition for his designs of institutional structures, and he drew the plans for many of Norfolk's outstanding buildings, among them the First Presbyterian Church, Ghent Methodist Church, Ohel Shalom Temple, Royster Building, Norfolk Museum of Arts, Norfolk Newspapers Building, Inc., and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. He was active in civic and community affairs, being past president of the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and a member of the Kiwanis Club and the lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he held the Thirty-second degree. He attended the Presbyterian Church, which he served as a deacon.

Finlay Forbes Ferguson, Sr., married Helen Evans, who was born in Norfolk where she continues to reside. She is a daughter of Captain Richard Evans and Fannie Day (Atkinson) Evans, formerly of Smithfield, who lived out their lives in Norfolk. Finlay F., Sr., and Helen (Evans) Ferguson became the parents of two children: 1. Finlay Forbes, Jr. 2. Frances Ferguson, a graduate of Vassar College. She married James Allen Carney, prominent general building contractor of Norfolk, whose career record is also to be found in this publication.

Finlay Forbes Ferguson, Jr., attended St. George's School, a private school in Norfolk, until 1922, and from 1923 to 1927, Woodberry Forest Preparatory School at Orange, Virginia. In 1928 he worked for his father's firm, Peebles and Ferguson, Norfolk architects; and from 1929 to 1931 he attended the University of Virginia, taking courses in its Department of Architecture, and at Beaux-Arts Institute of Design, New York City. At the university he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and the Academy Honor Society.

A student of colonial architecture, Finlay Forbes Ferguson, Jr., was associated with Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., Williamsburg, Virginia, as a designer engaged in the reconstruction and restoration of the city. He worked there from 1931 to the autumn of 1933. During 1934 he was in charge of the Norfolk area for the Historic Ameri-

can Homes Survey, and during the same year was in charge of the restoration of Fort Macon, Moorehead City, North Carolina, for the State Parks Board.

In the years from 1935 to 1938, he was again associated with his father, and was responsible for the design of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts at Richmond and other public buildings. In 1939 he rejoined Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., and engaged in the same work as he had previously done with that organization until 1943. Mr. Ferguson then entered the United States Navy for wartime service, and was commissioned a lieutenant, serving until 1946. He got a chance to further his professional experience while in service, designing special devices, some of an aeronautical nature.

Since 1948, Mr. Ferguson has practiced his profession independently at Norfolk. He is registered to practice in Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. He has continued to specialize in colonial architecture and restoration work, and has done extensive research to enable him to achieve authenticity in his efforts. He has been commissioned on many projects of restoration, including the Thoroughgood House in Princess Anne County; Eastern Shore Chapel in that county; Upper Brandon in King George County; St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Edenton, North Carolina; Old Trinity Church, Cambridge, Maryland; and Chippokee, in Surry County, Virginia. His architectural work has also included the design of many beautiful modern structures. He is a member of the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

His professional interests are paralleled by an interest in historical matters. He is an associate member of the National Trust for Historical Preservation at Washington, D. C., and as a member of the Norfolk Museum of Arts, he has served on its board of trustees since 1947. Mr. Ferguson is a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk. His hobbies are ship modeling and painting.

In the Church of the Good Shepherd in Norfolk, on November 23, 1939, Finlay Forbes Ferguson, Jr., married Anna Redfern, who was born at Monroe, North Carolina, and reared in Norfolk. She is a graduate of Sweet Briar College, and is active in cultural and civic affairs in Norfolk. Mrs. Ferguson is a member of the Junior League of Norfolk, the Little Theatre, and Children's Theatre which she served as president in 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are the parents of a daughter, Anne Stuart Ferguson, born in Washington, D. C., on March 23, 1944.

GEORGE ATWILL BROUGHTON—The president of the Old Dominion Marine Railway

Corporation of Norfolk, George Atwill Broughton has been with this firm since 1916, and has played a major part in its growth and development. Located in Norfolk Harbor at the junction of the southern and eastern branches of the Elizabeth River, with Chestnut Street, Berkley, Norfolk, as its address, the corporation is one of the Tidewater's major firms engaged in shipbuilding, marine and industrial repairs, conversion, and as steam and diesel engineers. Thoroughly equipped for its work, with modern facilities, which include two marine railways, with capacities of one thousand and three thousand tons, three wharfs or piers, eighteen feet wide and five hundred feet long, for mooring vessels, the company is extensively engaged on contracts with both commercial firms and government. It operates floating equipment for down-river work, and has on its payroll about three hundred employees skilled in the various trades. The Old Dominion Marine Railway Corporation is closely integrated with the industrial development of Norfolk and Portsmouth and has a most creditable record of service in time of peace and war.

George A. Broughton, its executive head, was born October 23, 1878, at Portsmouth, the son of the late George Washington and Mary Elizabeth (Bunting) Broughton. His father was an employee of the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, having served for a time aboard United States revenue cutters and United States Navy vessels. George A. Broughton attended public and private schools, and graduated from the Portsmouth Academy.

During school vacations he worked in the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, one summer in the boiler shop, one summer in the shipfitters department and one summer in the yards and docks department under the docking master. He began his career in the business world with the Norfolk Iron Works, Norfolk, in 1896 as assistant bookkeeper and draftsman. Having a desire to study mechanical engineering, he subsequently served an apprenticeship as a machinist. After serving three years in the machine shop and on outside jobs, he was assigned a conversion job away from the city fitting out a side wheel vessel to be delivered to Mexico. He had under him supervisors, machinists, carpenters, boilermakers, shipfitters and laborers, men much older than himself. The vessel was changed over from jet condensers to surface condensers. He made all the drawings, ordered all the necessary equipment, supervised the installation and ran the test trial on the vessel before it left this country. He continued in the employ of the Norfolk Iron Works, serving as outside foreman, until he resigned May 16, 1916.

Having gained valuable industrial experience, and confident of his abilities in managing an enter-

prise of his own, he entered into partnership with W. A. Larmour, naval architect, N. G. Holland, J. H. Woodington, P. C. Hastings, R. A. Hutchins and Alex Warren, Sr.

The Old Dominion Marine Railway Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Virginia in 1909, by Alex Warren, Sr., and others, and was taken over in 1916 by the above mentioned gentlemen. All the above associates have departed except J. H. Woodington. Mr. Broughton has held the following positions with this company: vice president and superintendent of shops, vice president and superintendent of the engineering department, vice president and treasurer, and treasurer, purchasing agent and general manager.

All outstanding stock was bought December 31, 1954, by George A. Broughton, Elwood S. Wood, Jr., and F. H. Gaskins. On January 1, 1955, the following officers were elected: George A. Broughton, president; Elwood S. Wood, Jr., vice president and general manager; F. H. Gaskins, treasurer; and Jennie S. Reed, secretary.

Active in community and fraternal affairs Mr. Broughton is president of the Pearl Street Corporation and a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, The Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Norfolk, The Hampton Roads Maritime Association of Norfolk. He is also a member of Portsmouth Naval Lodge No. 100, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; a charter member and past master (1923) of America Lodge No. 330, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; a member of Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons; and a member of Portsmouth Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, Portsmouth, of which he is a past eminent commander. He is also affiliated with Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was superintendent engineer for the Costner, Curren, Bullitt Steamship Company while serving the Old Dominion Marine Railway Corporation. He was past president of the International Association of Machinist Lodge No. 11, Norfolk, of which he holds a withdrawal card dated 1918, and past president of the Norfolk Shipyard Association (this association is not active at this time). He is a communicant of the Central Methodist Church of Portsmouth, having served on the board of stewards and was secretary of the board for a number of years.

His vigorous personality, abilities and power of decision have been reflected in each of his endeavors and he has always held, and acted on, the belief that anything can be accomplished if one brings sufficient energy and determination to its fulfillment.

On November 3, 1904, at Portsmouth, George

A. Broughton married Miss Blanche L. Burroughs, daughter of Richard B. and Mary (Carey) Burroughs of that city. Mrs. Broughton died March 31, 1953. The couple became the parents of a daughter, Dorothy, who was born July 2, 1908. In 1928 she graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, where she had majored in English. On May 19, 1956, she became the wife of Kenneth J. Brennan of Portsmouth, who is with the Merchants and Farmers Bank of that city.

Mr. Broughton's residence is at 915 Leckie Street, Portsmouth.

WAVERLY RANDOLPH PAYNE, M.D.,

F.A.C.S.—An exceptionally full career in the practice of medicine is that of Dr. Waverly Randolph Payne, who resides in Newport News and has his offices at 91 Twenty-ninth Street. He was born at Midlothian, Virginia, on July 28, 1899, son of Lee Winston and Pearle Bernard (Duffer) Payne. His father, who was a general contractor, died on September 2, 1946.

Dr. Payne completed his secondary studies at Midlothian High School, after which he spent two years as a premedical student at the University of Richmond. He took his professional courses at the Medical College of Virginia, and on his graduation there in 1923, received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Payne completed his internship at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital and at Elizabeth Buxton Hospital at Newport News. He did postgraduate work at the New York Lying-In Hospital and was resident obstetrician and gynecologist at the Jersey City Hospital (now Jersey City Medical Center and Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital). He practices at Newport News, and specializes in gynecology. He is chairman of the department in the specialty and vice president of the hospital staff at Riverside Hospital; is attending gynecologist at Mary Immaculate Hospital; and is consulting gynecologist at Whittaker Memorial Hospital in Newport News, at Dixie Hospital in Hampton, and at the United States Navy Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia.

A diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Payne holds membership status in a number of other professional organizations. He is a member, and has served as president, of the Newport News Medical Society, the Peninsula Academy of Medicine and the Seaboard Medical Association; he is also a member of Tri State Medical Society, the Medical Society of Virginia, and the American Medical Association. As a member of the Southern Medical Association, he recently served as councilor for Virginia.

Among the specialty societies, he is a member and past president of the Virginia Obstetrical and Gynecological Society; president of the South Atlantic Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; member and past president of the Southern Obstetrical and Gynecological Society; member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, which he serves as chairman for Virginia; and member of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He is a member of the board, and past chairman of the professional education committee, of the American Cancer Society, Virginia Division; a member of the medical advisory committee of the Virginia Association for Planned Parenthood; and a member of the medical advisory committee of the Committee of Selective Service. Dr. Payne also serves on the board of visitors of the Medical College of Virginia; on the board of trustees of the Medical College of Virginia Foundation; and on the board of trustees and past president of the Medical College of Virginia Alumni Association. A member of the Virginia State Board of Examiners, he is currently serving as its president. He is likewise a member of the Gynecological Faculty of Saluda Postgraduate Assembly.

Dr. Payne is now president of the Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Cancer Society, and also a member of the board of directors of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the James River Country Club of Warwick and Newport News, the Chamberlin Club of Hampton, and the Commonwealth Club and Downtown Club, both of Richmond as well as the Golden Horse Shoe Club of Williamsburg. In his politics, he is a Democrat and he attends the First Baptist Church at Newport News.

In 1918, Dr. Payne served as a private in the United States Army, being in the Student Army Training Corps.

At Clinton, South Carolina, on June 28, 1924, Dr. Waverly Randolph Payne married Lafayette Johnson, daughter of George Lafayette and Ella (Bullock) Johnson. Both of her parents are deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Payne make their home on Chesapeake Avenue in Hampton, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Mary Lou, who was born on April 30, 1925. She is now Mrs. John E. Hatten. 2. Margaret Lee, born May 24, 1928, wife of Nelson T. Overton. 3. Ann Randolph, born July 20, 1936.

HUGH WELLFORD JOHNSTON—As the present commissioner of revenue for Norfolk County, Hugh Wellford Johnston has capably served since 1952 in an office previously held by his father, the late Hugh Johnston. He is a civil engineer by

training, has had industrial and professional experience, and has proved himself an exceptionally efficient public servant in the office he has filled since 1952.

Born September 8, 1908, in Berkley Ward, Norfolk, he is a son of Hugh and Lucy (Mason) Johnston. His father was a native of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and, while still quite young, came to Norfolk County, Virginia. He received his early education at Churchland Academy and later graduated from old Richmond College, now the University of Richmond. In the early years of his career he became editor of the "Norfolk County Democrat." Long active in the public affairs of the county, he was honored with several positions of public trust. He served as deputy clerk of Norfolk County from 1919 to 1924 and was previously high constable of Norfolk City. He was first elected commissioner of revenue in 1924 and, by successive re-election, continued in that office until his death in 1951. Through his role in public affairs, he became widely known throughout Tidewater Virginia, where he had a legion of friends in all walks of life. He is remembered as a man of integrity and of a delightful personality.

His son, Hugh W. Johnston, received his early education in Norfolk County, graduating from Churchland High School in 1926. He then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in civil engineering in the Class of 1930. When he had completed his courses there, he went to work for the McClintic-Marshall Corporation, a steel-fabricating firm with which he remained for two years. At the end of that time, the depression forced retrenchment in that organization, and Mr. Johnston left to enter the employ of the United States Government, as a civil engineer in the Indian Service. For two years he worked on government projects which took him to the Dakotas and to New Mexico.

Returning to Virginia in the mid-1930s, he continued in his profession as civil engineer there, as an employee of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company. He later left that organization to accept a similar post with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, continuing on its payroll until 1952.

Having made the race for the office of commissioner of revenue for Norfolk County in 1951, the year of his father's death, Hugh W. Johnston defeated a popular opponent and began his first term in January 1952. In the election of 1955 he was returned to office, and began his second term in January 1956. An exceptionally able and efficient public official, he has justified the confidence of his fellow citizens and is carrying on in the fine tradition established by his father. He is every-

where respected for his personal qualities and for his devotion to high principles both in public office and in the other phases of his life.

Mr. Johnston is a member of Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Hunter's Number 156, at Blacksburg; and the Ruritan Club, which he served as president in 1956. He is a licensed civil engineer in Virginia and North Carolina and a member of the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia, of which he was secretary and treasurer for the 1956-1957 term.

At St. Michael's, Arizona, on January 26, 1935, Hugh H. Johnston married Frances Wallace, daughter of John and Mary (Spring) Wallace of Waterbury, Connecticut. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Frances, born October 3, 1941, attending Churchland High School. 2. Mary, born March 6, 1943, also a student at Churchland High School. 3. Susan, born April 13, 1946, attending Churchland Elementary School. The family resides at Locust Point in Norfolk County, and Mr. Johnston's office is in the Norfolk County Courthouse at Portsmouth.

LAWRENCE WARREN I'ANSON—Judge of the Court of Hustings for the City of Portsmouth since June 1941, Lawrence Warren I'Anson has won a place of esteem as an attorney, public official, and civic leader. His achievements, and the wide recognition of his integrity of character, led to his selection as Portsmouth's First Citizen in 1946.

Born in that city on April 21, 1907, Judge I'Anson is a son of James Thornton and Emma (Warren) I'Anson. His father was yardmaster for the Belt Line Railroad in Portsmouth for a number of years and died on May 18, 1954. Emma (Warren) I'Anson survives and resides in Portsmouth. Receiving his early education in the schools of that city, Judge I'Anson graduated from Wilson High School in 1924. He received his degree of Bachelor of Arts from the College of William and Mary in 1928 and went on to professional studies at the University of Virginia, graduating there with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1931.

He began his private practice of law in Portsmouth and in 1938 commenced his career in public life when he assumed duties as commonwealth attorney for the city of Portsmouth. He continued in that office until 1941, and in June of that year, he ascended the bench as judge of the Court of Hustings for the city of Portsmouth. His has been a career of distinction and conspicuous public service. He is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association, and the Virginia State Bar As-

sociation, and he is past chairman of the judicial section of the state organization.

Prominent among the alumni of the College of William and Mary, Judge I'Anson holds membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society; Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership fraternity; Pi Kappa Alpha; and the F. H. C. Society. For five years he was president of the Portsmouth Young Men's Christian Association and served for seven years as its vice president. He is past chairman of the Portsmouth Chapter of the American Red Cross; past director of the King's Daughters' Hospital (now Portsmouth General Hospital), and past president of the Portsmouth Kiwanis Club. He served as the first president of the Portsmouth Executives Club, was one of the organizers of the Community Chest of the Portsmouth area, and is a member of the board of trustees of Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Judge I'Anson also serves as president of Beazley Foundation, Inc., a charitable, religious, and educational foundation. He is president of the Foundation Boys' Clubs, Inc.; president of Foundation Boys' Academy, Inc.; and a director of Beazley Community Center, Bynum Recreation Center, and the City Dental Clinic. He is a member of the Council of Higher Education of Virginia, of the Judicial Council of Virginia, and of the Advisory Board of the American National Bank of Portsmouth. He is a member of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and of the board of directors of the Portsmouth and Norfolk County Building and Loan Association. A member of the Port Norfolk Baptist Church, he has taught the men's Bible class since 1933.

In recognition of his public accomplishments, business and professional leadership, and valuable civic work, Judge I'Anson was honored in 1946 by being voted Portsmouth's First Citizen.

On August 5, 1933, the Hon. Lawrence Warren I'Anson married Miss May Frances Tuttle, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Tuttle. They have two children: 1. Lawrence W., Jr., born September 5, 1936, a graduate of Duke University, where he was a member of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. 2. May Frances Tuttle, born November 21, 1942.

RICHARD FRANKLIN WELTON, JR.—In his more than a quarter-century as head of one of Tidewater Virginia's great merchandising organizations, Richard Franklin Welton, Jr., brought the firm of Smith and Welton, Inc., to its present imposing place in Norfolk's business life. He took a significant part in the commercial and civic affairs of both Norfolk and Portsmouth, and made contributions of value to both communities. He was

admired for his integrity of character, and his career exemplified the qualities of vision, perseverance and courageous enterprise which distinguish the finest type of business leader.

He was not the first member of his family active in the management of this long-established Norfolk department store. His father, Richard Franklin, Sr., was a founder of Smith and Welton. He was born at Hicks Ford, now Emporia, in Greenville County, Virginia, on July 18, 1869, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Welton who brought their family to Portsmouth in 1881. R. Frank Welton, as the senior bearer of the name was known, was in his early teens when he entered the employ of W. T. Simcoe, and he received his first lessons in merchandising in Mr. Simcoe's Portsmouth store. In the course of the next ten years, he was employed in several other merchandising firms. In December 1890, he joined Thomas Lawrence in organizing the firm of Lawrence and Welton, and they engaged in the men's furnishings business in Portsmouth. In the spring of 1898, they relocated their store in Norfolk, where they opened at 218 Main Street, the present location of the Selden Arcade. Meantime the scope of operations had been increasing, and by 1902 additional space had been obtained to accommodate a ready-to-wear and an exclusive dress-making department. During that year, Mr. Lawrence sold his interest in the business to Cosmos Smith, and the firm adopted its present name of Smith and Welton. Mr. Smith became vice president of the firm when it was incorporated in 1914, and served in that capacity until his death in October 1921.

In 1909, the store was moved into the Dickson Building at Granby and Tazewell streets to keep in step with changing shopping trends. After absorbing three stores in this building, the firm expanded to occupy adjoining premises as well. Smith and Welton, Inc., moved to its present location at 300 Granby Street in 1917, and there undertook its largest expansion program, which involved the addition of many departments.

R. Frank Welton continued as president of Smith and Welton, Inc., until his death in September 1922. For over thirty years he had devoted his energies and abilities to the development of the business which bears his name. The growth of the store during his lifetime reflected to a great extent the energy and integrity which characterized his career. He was an earnest worker on behalf of every movement to promote the development and prosperity of Norfolk, and of Portsmouth where he made his home.

R. Frank Welton married Benna Barrett, and their son, Richard Franklin, Jr., was born on May 5, 1893, at Portsmouth. He received his early edu-

cation in the public schools of that city, completed his preparatory studies at Fishburne Military Academy, and in 1915 graduated from Virginia Military Institute with a degree in civil engineering. During World War I, he served in the United States Army with the rank of lieutenant. He was assigned to the 60th Infantry, Fifth Division, which saw action on the Western Front with the American Expeditionary Force. He participated in the bitter fighting of the Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel campaigns in France, and when the war was ended, served for a time in the army of occupation in Germany.

On his return from military service, Mr. Welton entered the insurance and real estate business with his uncle, Charles R. Welton, who is now deceased. On the death of his father in 1922, he left to join Smith and Welton, Inc., representing the second generation of the family in its management. Named president of the corporation in 1936, he served until his death. Concerning his career as executive head of the department store, a local newspaper commented:

The record is one of intelligent, alert, and vigorous management and promotion. Mr. Welton was imaginative and far-sighted and progressive. He organized well, distributed responsibility wisely, studied improvements carefully, and kept in stride with what was being thought and done in the merchandising world.

Mr. Welton had, in addition, a clear awareness of both the customers and the employees of the department store. To his employees he was thoughtful and generous, especially to the older ones. Toward his customers he showed a friendly and personal attitude even when the department store had grown to large proportions. He was insistent on clinics and seminars for the sales staff, maintained unusually good relations with manufacturers, and played an important part in the broad mercantile growth of the Norfolk and Portsmouth region.

All these are the attributes of sound merchandising. Mr. Welton exemplified them and put them into effect with personal modesty, emphasizing the department store and not its chief executive. In important respects the institution that stands today is his monument. This was a useful career that is largely responsible for a signal achievement in Norfolk's growth.

In his role of worker for a better community, Mr. Welton backed every worthwhile civic and welfare cause. As a veteran of World War I, he was a member of the American Legion, and he also held membership in numerous other organizations.

On November 27, 1917, Richard Franklin Welton, Jr., married Miss Alice Boardman of Baltimore, Maryland. They became the parents of a son, Richard F., III, who is now head of the department store and who is the subject of an accompanying sketch; and of a daughter, now Mrs. William S. Anderson of Virginia Beach. At the time of his death, which occurred in May 1956, he had six grandchildren.

On his death, the editorial columns of a local

newspaper carried this tribute to the man, expressing recognition of his place in the community:

For more than 35 years... Richard Franklin Welton, Jr., had played a part in the business life of both Norfolk and Portsmouth. He had close associations with these cities all his life, and as business man and citizen he made contributions to both... During the years of Mr. Welton's direction, the department store which bears his name expanded and developed and kept abreast of the times. Mr. Welton devoted himself closely to the operations of this establishment. It required sound business judgment and alert, aggressive merchandising policies to make it one of the best known and most respected department stores in this part of the state. It has made its own contribution to Norfolk's commercial development during the years when this development has been greatest. And this represents in large measure a personal contribution by the man who was its head for so many years. A community always is the loser when such a man dies, particularly when death comes as in this case at an age at which we should have been able to look forward to many years of useful life.

RICHARD FRANKLIN WELTON, III—Representing the third generation of his family in the management of Norfolk's oldest and largest department store, Richard Franklin Welton, III, is now president and general manager of Smith and Welton, Inc. He was born June 12, 1919, in Baltimore, Maryland, the only son and older child of Richard Franklin, Jr., and Alice (Boardman) Welton. His father, former head of the department store and subject of an accompanying sketch, died recently. Mrs. Welton, a native of Baltimore, survives him and makes her home at 320 Sycamore Road, Portsmouth.

In that city, where the family has long maintained its residence, Richard F. Welton, III, passed his boyhood years. He attended the public schools and in 1936 graduated from Churchland High School. He then entered Virginia Military Institute, from which he graduated in 1940 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. As his father had done before him, Mr. Welton began learning the merchandising business through part-time and summer-vacation work in the various departments of Smith and Welton, Inc.

In 1941 he joined the staff as a regular employee, after gaining additional experience in merchandising and store operation with Rich's, in Atlanta, Georgia. A short time afterwards, however, his career was interrupted by service in the United States Coast Guard, which he entered with an ensign's commission in May 1941. When this country entered World War II, he went on anti-submarine duty aboard the cutter *Dionne*. He later served as instructor in anti-submarine warfare at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. Thereafter he was assigned to active duty in the Pacific aboard the assault transport *Bayfield*. After four and one-half years of service, he was separated from active duty in



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November 1945, holding at that time the rank of lieutenant commander.

On resuming civilian life, Mr. Welton immediately rejoined Smith and Welton, Inc., which at that time confined its operations to the main retail outlet at Granby and Market streets. He took up duties as general manager and assistant to the president. In the course of his connection with the organization, he has played a major role in the expansion of the business. He took part in planning the 1949 addition to the downtown store which put ten thousand square feet of floor space under its roof; and also in the establishment of two branch stores, one at Wards Corner, and one at Virginia Beach. The resort branch, located in the Mayflower Shopping Center, was opened in 1951 and enlarged in 1955. The Wards Corner store has been in operation since the fall of 1952. In keeping with this progressive policy of expansion, Smith and Welton's third branch store was recently opened at the Janaf Shopping Center, at Military Highway and Virginia Beach Boulevard in Norfolk. The main store at Granby and Market streets, which was first occupied in 1917, has been expanded to eighty thousand square feet of floor space. In all its operations, Smith and Welton, Inc., now has nearly five hundred employees on its payroll.

On May 31, 1956, shortly after the death of his father, Richard Franklin Welton, III, was elected to the presidency of Smith and Welton, Inc. He is also general manager of the firm, and in his dual executive role, is capably carrying on the fine traditions of the firm, which for over threescore years has been a commercial landmark of the Norfolk area.

Mr. Welton finds time to be active in various phases of community life. He is first vice president of the Norfolk Retail Merchants Association, and a member of the board of directors of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. He is currently serving as second vice president of the city's Community Chest. He is a member of the Governor's Tax Commission. He serves on the boards of directors of the Norfolk Academy and the Norfolk General Hospital and is a director of the National Bank of Commerce. Since his student days at Virginia Military Institute, he has been a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He is a member of the Princess Anne Country Club, and he and his family are communicants of the Galilee Episcopal Church of Virginia Beach. The department store executive is fond of outdoor sports, particularly hunting and fishing.

On June 26, 1943, at Chestertown, Maryland, Richard Franklin Welton, III, married Elizabeth Beck, daughter of S. Scott and Mackey (Perry)

Beck of that community. Like her husband, Mrs. Welton takes a lively interest in community affairs. She is a member of the Junior League of Norfolk and the Bay Colony Garden Club. The couple are the parents of four children: 1. Elizabeth Beck, born August 28, 1944. 2. Nancy Boardman, born May 10, 1946. 3. Catherine Mackey, born July 7, 1947. 4. Richard Franklin, IV, born December 26, 1950. The family resides in the Bay Colony at Virginia Beach.

CHARLES SYER, JR.—As president and general manager of Charles Syer and Company, of Norfolk, Charles Syer, Jr., heads one of the city's oldest business establishments, now observing its seventy-seventh anniversary, which was a pioneer in food brokerage. From the time of its founding in 1881, the firm has continued under the management of three successive generations of the Syer family.

Charles Syer, Jr., who represents the third generation, was born May 28, 1902, in Portsmouth, son of Charles, Sr., and Grace Lee (Watts) Syer, and grandson of Charles Syer, the founder, for whom the firm is named. He was a native of England and first came to this country in the course of an ocean voyage he had taken for his health. Arriving in Portsmouth, he was impressed by the possibilities of the Tidewater area and settled permanently in that city, living there until his death in 1893. Twelve years before that time he had founded the firm of food brokers. He also took an interest in civic and public affairs, both at Portsmouth where he lived and at Norfolk where he established his business. He served as sheriff of Portsmouth.

His son, Charles, Sr., was born in 1875 in Portsmouth. Early in life he joined his father in business, and although he was only eighteen at the time of the elder man's death, he was able soon afterwards to assume full responsibilities for its management, which he carried until his own death on October 13, 1931. Under his capable direction the business grew into one of the largest of food brokerage firms, maintaining offices in Wilmington, North Carolina; in West Virginia; and other cities, as well as at Norfolk. Charles Syer, Sr., had other commercial interests as well, and was active in community affairs at Portsmouth, where he maintained his home. He was a member of the board of directors of the Seaboard National Bank of Norfolk, was first vice president of the old Norfolk-Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, and served several terms on the Portsmouth city council. He was a member of the Rotary Club in that city, of its Benevolent and

Protective Order of Elks lodge, the Princess Anne Country Club, and the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. He was at one time a lay leader in the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church and served on the board of stewards of the Monumental Methodist Church of Portsmouth.

Charles Syer, Sr., married Grace Lee Watts of Portsmouth, who continues to maintain the family home at 1035 Naval Avenue in that city. They became the parents of five children, four of whom are living, the eldest having died in infancy. The surviving children are: 2. Charles, of whom further. 3. Mary Virginia, who married Henry S. Lewis of Norfolk. 4. George Watts, who is now engaged in the real estate business at Virginia Beach. 5. Lee Crawford, of London Bridge, Virginia, also active in the management of Charles Syer and Company.

Charles Syer, Jr., directing head of the firm, passed his boyhood in Portsmouth, where he received his early education, graduating from Portsmouth High School in 1918. He then entered Virginia Military Institute, from which he graduated in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. When he completed his courses there he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Corps, but did not go into active military service.

Following in his grandfather's and father's footsteps, he entered the firm of Charles Syer and Company, and when his father died in 1931, succeeded him as head of the firm. In the course of the intervening years, he has successfully directed the operations of this long-established firm.

As food distributors, the company is principally engaged in sugar brokerage, with a trade territory covering the state of North Carolina and southern Virginia, with jobbers, chain stores, and industrial users as its main outlets. Over the years, Charles Syer and Company has maintained its headquarters in Norfolk, and its present address is 1215 East Water Street.

Active in civic and community affairs, Charles Syer, Jr., is a member of the board of directors of the Seaboard Citizens National Bank of Norfolk and also serves on the board of the Leigh Memorial Hospital of that city. He is a member of the National Sugar Brokers Association. A member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, he is also active in the Portsmouth and the Norfolk chambers and is a past director of the latter group. He is a member of the Virginia Club of Norfolk, Princess Anne Country Club, and the Monumental Methodist Church of Portsmouth.

Until eleven years ago, he and his family resided in Norfolk County, and since then they have made their home at Crystal Lake, Virginia Beach.

There they attend the Galilee Episcopal Church. Mr. Syer's favorite sport is golf.

On October 27, 1928, at Churchland, Charles Syer, Jr., married Virginia Hathaway Ballard, daughter of John W. and Effie (Hathaway) Ballard of that city. She is a graduate of West Hampton College in Richmond and is active in community affairs, being a member of the Virginia Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Virginia Beach Garden Club, the Elizabeth Garden Club, and the Baptist Church. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Charles, IV, born October 26, 1931, at Portsmouth. He is a graduate of Princeton University, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1953, and is now attending Harvard School of Business Administration. He has served in the United States Army and retains the rank of first lieutenant in the Army Reserve Corps. 2. John Ballard, who was born on February 22, 1939, at Portsmouth. He attended Norfolk Academy and is now a student at Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Virginia.

HENRY CLAY HOFHEIMER—Building materials executive Henry Clay Hofheimer holds official posts in over a score of corporations, in addition to Southern Materials Company of Norfolk, which has long been his major business interest. One of the most influential business leaders of the Tidewater region, he also holds office in a number of national and regional builders' groups, and has taken a constructive role in welfare, educational and cultural causes.

A native of Norfolk, he was born on December 28, 1906, son of Julius Caesar and Bessie (Hirschler) Hofheimer. After attending local public schools, he entered the University of Virginia, where he graduated in 1928 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. In September of that year he joined the Haycox Concrete Corporation in Norfolk as its secretary-treasurer, and in April 1930, became president of Hofheimer Concrete Corporation. He remained at the head of this firm for a decade, and in June 1940, became a partner in Hofheimer Construction Company, continuing until October 1945. In addition, from February 1939, to December 1946, he was president of Highway Contractors, Inc. All of the above firms were Norfolk organizations, but in November 1944, Mr. Hofheimer became a partner in an Altoona, Pennsylvania, concern, the Cavalier Coal Company. From January 1936, until June 1940, he was secretary-treasurer of Seaboard Motor Company, Inc., of Norfolk, and from June 1940, to November 1943, held the same offices in Cavalier Motor Company, Inc., of that city.

Mr. Hofheimer's connection with Southern Ma-

terials Company, Inc., of Norfolk, began in 1945. He served as secretary-treasurer and member of the board of directors, until 1954, when he was elected chairman of the board, a position he has held since. Since 1949 he has been chairman of the board and director of Atlantic and Danville Railway Company. At the present time he holds the offices of president and director of the following corporations, the year in which his connection began being indicated in parentheses: Southern Block and Pipe Corporation (1946); Peninsula Block Corporation (1952); Southern Lighterage Corporation (1947); National Realty Corporation (1934); Concord Realty Corporation (1934); Marshall Manor, Inc. (1940); Tidewater Shopping Center, Inc. (1952); and Southern Shopping Center, Inc. (1955). All of these are Norfolk organizations with the exception of Peninsula Block Corporation of Newport News. Mr. Hofheimer has served as secretary-treasurer and director of Southern Lightweight Aggregate Corporation since 1947; of Carolina Solite Corporation since 1953; and of Atlantic Warehouse Corporation since 1944, all Norfolk firms. Since 1938 he has been treasurer and director of Cavalier Realty Corporation; and he is secretary-treasurer and director of Concrete Pipe and Products Company, Inc., of Richmond (since 1949); Superior Masonry Units, Inc., of Richmond (since 1952); Cavalier Coal Company, Inc., of Altoona, Pennsylvania (since 1950); and Spectra-Glaze Corporation of Richmond (since 1950). From the years indicated, he has held the office of director of Southwestern Financial Corporation of Dallas, Texas (1954); director of Texcrete Structural Products Company, also of Dallas (1955); secretary-treasurer and director of Georgia Solite Corporation of Cedartown, Georgia (1953); secretary-treasurer and director of Southern Brick and Supply Company of Richmond (1955); director of Texas Industries, Inc., of Dallas (1950); National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk (1951); secretary-treasurer and director of Portsmouth Radio Corporation of Norfolk (1953). He has been a partner in the investment firm of Bache and Company of New York City since February 1956; and in the same month became a director of First Colony Life Insurance Company of Lynchburg. An important recent industrial connection is his post as chairman of the board of Ingram Concrete Company of Jacksonville, Florida, to which he was elected in December 1955. Also in 1955 he became a director of Rice's, in Norfolk.

Active in the Norfolk Builders and Contractors Exchange, Mr. Hofheimer was its president in 1939; and from 1942 to 1948 he served on the board of directors of the Highway Contractors' Division of the American Road Builders Association. He

was a director of the American Road Builders Association in 1947. He served as secretary-treasurer and director of the Virginia Road Builders Association from 1942 to 1948, and has since been regional vice president of the Association. All of these offices he has filled without compensation. He is a member of the American Society of Military Engineers and the Hampton Roads Post of that organization.

In his home city, Mr. Hofheimer has served as vice chairman of the Norfolk City Planning Commission; first vice president of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce; member of the board of trustees of Norfolk Academy for Boys; and also as trustee of the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences. He likewise serves on the boards of trustees of the College of William and Mary Endowment Association, the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Norfolk Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and on the board of trustees of both the Student Aid Foundation of the University of Virginia and the alumni association there. He is a member of the regional scholarship committee of the University of Virginia; member of the board of directors of the Norfolk Symphony and Choral Association; second vice president and member of the Executive Committee of Norfolk General Hospital.

He is a member of the Hague Club and the Lafayette Yacht and Country Club, both of Norfolk, and of the Cavalier Beach Club and Surf Beach Club, both of Virginia Beach.

On September 26, 1931, Henry Clay Hofheimer married Elise Nusbaum. They are the parents of three children: 1. Elise Bessie. 2. Linda. 3. Clay.

R. EDWARD HAWKS' varied role in the business life of Portsmouth has included several executive offices. He is president of Welton, Duke, and Hawks, Inc., a general insurance, real estate, and property management firm; is president of the Portsmouth and Norfolk County Building and Loan Association; and is treasurer of the Portsmouth Hotel Corporation. A progressive businessman and civic leader, his activities are varied and extensive and have constituted a vital force in his city.

Born November 6, 1902, in Portsmouth, Mr. Hawks is a son of Edward Bascomb and Mary Victoria (Welton) Hawks of that city. Both parents are living and are descended from families long established in Virginia. Edward B. Hawks, now over ninety years old, was born in Petersburg and early in his career came to Portsmouth to work. About the turn of the century, he entered the hardware, paint, and building supplies business at Portsmouth, in partnership with E. W.

Maupin, Jr. He continued active in the partnership until his retirement.

Edward B. and Mary Victoria (Welton) Hawks became the parents of three sons: 1. Richard Edward, of whom further. 2. Otis Jefferson, now treasurer of the Standard Hardware Company of Portsmouth. 3. Charles Welton, secretary and treasurer of Welton, Duke, and Hawks, Inc.

R. Edward Hawks received his early education in the public schools of Portsmouth and was a member of the first graduating class of Woodrow Wilson High School in 1920. Continuing his education at Virginia Military Institute, he graduated there in 1924, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

He began his business career as a clerk in the firm of Charles R. Welton, a general insurance and real estate agency in Portsmouth. With the organizing of the firm of Welton, Duke, and Hawks in 1928, R. Edward Hawks became its secretary and treasurer, with Charles R. Welton as president and C. J. Duke as vice president. In 1935 Mr. Duke left the firm to become bursar of the College of William and Mary, at Williamsburg. When Charles R. Welton died in 1937, Mr. Hawks succeeded to the presidency and has held that office ever since. Other officers as of 1957 are Stockton P. Fleming, vice president, and Charles Welton Hawks, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Hawks has been president of the Portsmouth and Norfolk County Building and Loan Association since 1948. When it was first organized in 1939 Mr. Hawks became secretary and treasurer, and later he became director and treasurer of the Portsmouth Hotel Corporation, owners of the Governor Dinwiddie Hotel (formerly Hotel Portsmouth), the most recently constructed in the Norfolk-Portsmouth area. He serves on the board of directors of the American National Bank of Portsmouth.

Vitally interested in good municipal government, he served as a member of the city of Portsmouth Planning Commission, and he recently completed a four year term, 1952-1956, on the Portsmouth City Council. He is a member and director of the Portsmouth Industrial Foundation and is also a member of the board of the Chamber of Commerce. Active in Rotary, he was president of the club at Portsmouth in 1946-1947. He is a member of the Elizabeth Manor Country Club and of Lodge No. 82, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends Monumental Methodist Church. Fond of the out-of-doors, he is particularly partial to swimming and fishing.

On February 9, 1929, in Norfolk, R. Edward Hawks married Frances Conwell, a native of Delaware and daughter of the late William W. and Elizabeth (Megee) Conwell. Mr. and Mrs.

Hawks are the parents of two children: 1. Frances Conwell, born January 31, 1933. She is married to Lieutenant Robert William Wentz, Jr., of the United States Marine Corps, now stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, and they are the parents of a daughter, Ashley Conwell. 2. Mary Welton, born September 4, 1935. She attended Randolph-Macon Womens College in Lynchburg and married Robert Milton Schlemmer, lieutenant junior grade, United States Navy. The family home is at 302 Park Road, Portsmouth, and Mr. Hawks' office at 407 Court Street in that city.

RICHARD NEWMAN—Senior partner in the Newport News law firm of Newman, Allaun, and Bateman, Richard Newman has practiced in that city for about twenty-five years. He has held office as city attorney, has been active in Democratic politics, served as an army officer in World War II, and is active in a number of business connections.

Mr. Newman is a native of Newport News, and was born on April 2, 1906, son of Richard Wynne and Frances Love (Plummer) Newman. His father, born in James City County on July 21, 1874, entered the insurance business in Newport News, and died in that city on April 24, 1936. Frances Love Plummer, whom he married, was born in Vance County, North Carolina, on June 4, 1877, and died on December 29, 1944. Receiving his early education in the public schools of Newport News, Richard Newman graduated from high school there in 1924. He then entered Virginia Military Institute, where in 1928 he completed his courses and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His Bachelor of Laws degree was conferred by the University of Virginia in 1931. Meantime, in 1930, he had been admitted to the bar of Virginia.

Since he completed his professional courses at the state university, Mr. Newman has practiced in his native city of Newport News, with the exception of the years in World War II service. He is now the senior member of the law firm of Newman, Allaun, and Bateman. His partners, William E. Allaun, Jr., and Fred W. Bateman are the subjects of sketches in this work. The firm, which has offices in the Melson Building, and at 244 Warwick Road, Warwick, takes cases before the state and federal courts and conducts a general practice.

Mr. Newman began his public career by becoming assistant city attorney of Newport News in 1947, which office he held until 1956, when he moved to the city of Warwick. For four years he was chairman of the Newport News Democratic Executive Committee. His business connections include the positions of vice presi-



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dent and director of Mutual Home and Savings Association, and directorship of the Peninsula Memorial Park Association. He is a trustee of the War Museum of Virginia. Himself a veteran of World War II, Richard Newman entered the service of the United States Army on July 4, 1942, and was separated from the forces on August 11, 1946. He was commissioned a captain at the time of his enlistment, and advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel while serving in the European Theater of Operations.

A member of the Newport News - Warwick Bar Association, Mr. Newman served as its president in 1950-1951. He is also a member of the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Music is Mr. Newman's hobby, and for many years he was president of the Peninsula Choral Society. He has also been active in the Peninsula Orchestra Association. As a veteran he is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He attends St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and is vice president of its Men's Club. His fraternity is Theta Chi.

At Lexington, on July 20, 1946, Richard Newman married Elizabeth Jarman of Crozet, daughter of William M. and Pearl (Ligon) Jarman. Both of her parents are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Newman have two children: 1. Elizabeth Frances, born November 22, 1947. 2. Richard, Jr., born October 12, 1950.

WILLIAM E. ALLAUN, JR.—Newport News attorney William E. Allaun, Jr., has taken a constructive role in the life of his city. In addition to his private practice, he is an official of several corporations and serves on the Airport Commission.

Born in Norfolk on October 17, 1914, he is a son of William E., Sr., and Ann R. (Finch) Allaun. Both of his parents are still living. His father, who is now retired, is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His mother was born in Richmond. In the Hawkins (maternal) line, his forebears have owned property in Newport News since the seventeenth century. William E. Allaun, Jr., received his education in private schools—the Browning School in New York City and the Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut. He graduated from the latter in the Class of 1931. He then entered Yale University, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1935. In 1939 he took his degree of Bachelor of Laws from Harvard University, and he was admitted to the bar of the commonwealth of Virginia the same year. He has also been admitted to practice before the United States Tax Court. Mr. Allaun began practice in Newport News and, with the exception

of the years of World War II, has been active professionally in that city since. He is a member of the firm of Newman, Allaun, and Bateman, with offices in the Melson Building. This organization, which engages in a general practice before state and federal courts, also has an office on Warwick Road in Warwick. Mr. Allaun's partners are Richard Newman, and Fred W. Bateman. Henry G. Mullins III and Rutherford C. Lake, Jr., are associates. The firm has a variety of clients, including Century Industries, Inc., Royal Indemnity Company, Peninsula Airport Commission, United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, American Casualty Company, Hilton Shopping Center, Southland Shopping Center, Globe Indemnity Company, Endebrock-White Construction Company, Hampton Roads Towing Corporation, Finch Trust Estate, and Finch Corporation.

Mr. Allaun has been secretary of the Peninsula Airport Commission since it was founded in 1946. The following year he became special attorney of the county of Warwick, and this public office too he has since held. He was absent from Newport News at the time of World War II, serving in the United States Navy, in which he advanced from ensign to lieutenant. He was in uniform for over three years.

Active in the American Bar Association, Mr. Allaun serves on its Committee on Taxation of Estates and Trusts. He is also a member of the Virginia Bar Association and the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association. As a business leader, he holds membership on the boards of several corporations. He is a Democrat in his politics and a member and past president of the Rotary Club. Other memberships include the American Legion, Post No. 25, of which he is past commander, the Hampton Roads German Club, of which he is past president, and the James River Country Club. An Episcopalian, he attends St. Stephen's Church.

The former Madeleine Elliott Huffman of Newport News became the wife of William E. Allaun, Jr., in a ceremony in her native city on April 11, 1942. She is the daughter of Edward and Beatrice Glass (Stratford) Huffman. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Samuel Plummer, born January 6, 1947. 2. William E., III, born August 25, 1953.

T. DAVID FITZ-GIBBON, A.I.A.—The position which T. David Fitz-Gibbon occupies among his colleagues in the architectural profession may be measured somewhat by the fact that he is a former president of the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He has won additional stature through his work on an official committee which simplified and organized the

plumbing code for the City of Norfolk and his service on the Plumbing Appeal Board and the Electrical Examining Board. Many structures of great beauty and utility, residential, industrial, commercial, religious and educational, stand in various parts of Norfolk and elsewhere as monuments to his craftsmanship.

Mr. Fitz-Gibbon, a native of the region he serves, was born in Norfolk on April 12, 1895, the son of Thomas Shanahan and Mary (Cregan) Fitz-Gibbon. His father, who was a grocer and who served on the Norfolk City Council, came to America with his parents from Ireland. T. David Fitz-Gibbon's mother was born in Maryland on May 1, 1870, and died in Norfolk on March 12, 1948. His father was born in Limerick, Ireland, on April 24, 1864, and died in Norfolk on January 2, 1938. He was the son of David Fitz-Gibbon and an uncle of Dr. Maurice Fitz-Gibbon, who was a prominent physician in Norfolk.

The architect began his education at St. Mary's Academy, Norfolk, where he was graduated in 1908. He spent the next year at Mount St. Joseph's College, Baltimore, first pursued the study of architecture at the Maryland Architectural Institute, also in Baltimore. He followed up with architectural studies at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh and in the next seven years served as draftsman and architect with various firms.

In 1921, Mr. Fitz-Gibbon participated in the formation of the firm of Carlow, Browne and Fitz-Gibbon, with which he was associated until 1936. Since that year he has been in practice independently, with offices in the Royster Building. When he was with the firm of Carlow, Browne and Fitz-Gibbon, Mr. Fitz-Gibbon collaborated in the design of the Virginia Electric Power Company's office building, the DePaul Hospital, the First Lutheran Church of Norfolk and the Larchmont School. In association with other architects he designed the Norfolk Civic Auditorium, the Catholic High School of Norfolk, the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Science Building and others and was consulting architect in the development of the Young Park Housing Project of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, with its one thousand units. He designed the remodelings of banks and other commercial structures as well as numerous residences in Norfolk and other cities. Among his "solo credits" are the Norfolk headquarters of the Virginia Electric Power Company, the Smith Douglas Office Building in Norfolk, the Colonial Avenue Branch of the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk, the sixteen-story Mayflower Apartment Building at Virginia Beach, the Ocean Garden Apartments at Ocean View, the Grandy Park Housing project of the Norfolk Redevelopment

and Housing Authority and the James Barry Robinson Home for Boys, to name only a few.

In 1945 he served on the Norfolk City Committee for Compiling the Plumbing Code and since 1946 has been on the Plumbing Appeal Board and the Electrical Examining Board. Since 1945 he has been chairman of the board of trustees of the James Barry Robinson Home for Boys. Besides the American Institute of Architects, he is a member of the Princess Anne Country Club at Virginia Beach, the Engineers Club at Hampton Roads and is a communicant of the Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church at Virginia Beach.

Mr. Fitz-Gibbon makes his home at 313 Fifty-first Street, Virginia Beach.

ELDRIDGE HALL WHITEHURST—As vice president, director and general manager of the Curtis Bay Towing Company of Virginia, Inc., Eldridge Hall Whitehurst plays a prominent part in the water transportation industry centered in the Norfolk area. The company has its headquarters at Roanoke Dock in that city.

Mr. Whitehurst is a native of Norfolk, born on April 29, 1896 of Scotch-Irish descent, and son of William Fountain and Henrietta (Culpepper) Whitehurst. His father, who was born in Camden County, North Carolina, was a son of John Whitehurst, a planter of that place, and came to Norfolk as a young man. There he was active as a marine engineer until his retirement, several years before his death. He was a Mason, and both he and his wife were active members of the old Park Avenue Baptist Church. Mrs. Whitehurst, the former Henrietta Culpepper, was descended from an old Virginia family. Her death occurred at Norfolk on March 1, 1950, in her ninetieth year.

The youngest of the children born to his parents, Eldridge Hall Whitehurst passed his boyhood years in Norfolk and attended local schools. He then took a business course at Davis Wagoner Business College. In World War I he served in the United States Navy, and afterwards began his career with the Wood Towing Corporation of Norfolk. This firm was founded in May 1920, by Joseph Downing Wood. From a modest beginning with one small tug and a water craft, the company expanded its operations along the Atlantic coast from Trenton, New Jersey, to Jacksonville, Florida, ultimately operating a flotilla of fifteen tugs. Mr. Whitehurst became secretary and treasurer of the Wood Towing Corporation, and played an important part in the firm's growth throughout the years. He continued in his executive capacity until the Wood Towing Company's interests were acquired with the forming of The Curtis Bay Towing Company of Virginia, Inc., on February 7, 1951. When the

new organization came into being, he became associated with that organization and on January 1, 1954, assumed his present responsibilities as vice president, director and general manager. The Curtis Bay Towing Company of Virginia, Inc., an independent corporation, is affiliated with The Curtis Bay Towing Company of Baltimore, Maryland, and The Curtis Bay Towing Company of Pennsylvania, with headquarters in Philadelphia and Captain H. C. Jefferson is its president. One of the best-equipped organizations in its field, the Virginia firm operates a flotilla of fifteen superior tugs, dispatched by radio-telephone, with twenty-four-hour service. It serves shipping in the Hampton Roads, Chesapeake Bay and Delaware River areas with efficiency and dispatch, at all hours and under all weather conditions. The company's diversified fleet of modern tugs insures adequate power for every job, whether bringing in an ocean liner or moving harbor craft. There are about two hundred and fifty employees on the payroll.

Besides his duties as executive of this firm, Eldridge Hall Whitehurst has found time to serve actively in civic organizations promoting progress and development in Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia. He is a director and treasurer of the Hampton Roads Maritime Association, and director of the Tidewater Virginia Development Council. He is a director of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and during the year 1956, served as president of the Propeller Club of the Port of Norfolk. He is a member and past president of the Cosmopolitan Club of that city; a member of the Virginia Club of Norfolk, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Princess Anne Country Club. He is affiliated with Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Norfolk Chapter No. 1 of the Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach.

Mr. Whitehurst is fond of all outdoor sports. He particularly enjoys watching college football games, and frequently participates in a round of golf with his friends.

On October 18, 1921, at Norfolk, Eldridge Hall Whitehurst married Edith A. Winslow, daughter of the late Augustus and Mattie P. (Jordan) Winslow of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehurst are the parents of three children: i. Eldridge Augustus, born May 26, 1923. He is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and he took his degree of Master of Science in Highway Civil Engineering at Purdue University. He is now director of Highway Research at the

University of Tennessee. A veteran of three years' service in the United States Marine Corps, he holds the rank of captain in the Marine Corps Reserve. Eldridge A. Whitehurst married Nell Webb of Virginia Beach, and they have two children: i. Anne Winslow. ii. Eldridge Augustus, Jr. 2. William Alvin, born August 6, 1928. He graduated from Virginia Military Institute with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, then entered the United States Air Force, serving as radar officer of a B-36 and holding the rank of first lieutenant. Now a resident of Norfolk, he is associated with the Southern Materials Company. He married Elizabeth Louene Waite of Virginia Beach, and their two children are: i. Susan Hall. ii. William Alvin, Jr. 3. Evelyn Jane, born April 14, 1931. She is a graduate of the College of William and Mary with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and is married to Robert Edward Royall Huntley of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1957. Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge H. Whitehurst make their home on Lee Road, Bay Colony, Virginia Beach.

COLONEL CHARLES BARNEY BORLAND

has brought to the service of the city of Norfolk the qualities of faith, vision and organizational ability, and these have been important to the modern development of the region's largest city. He is currently serving as general manager of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District.

He is a native and lifelong resident of Norfolk, where he was born on January 8, 1886, at the home of his parents at 44 York Street. They were the late Thomas Riscus and Carrie (Barney) Borland. His father was born in 1844 at Murfreesboro, North Carolina, and at the age of seventeen he left school to enlist in the Confederate States Army. He served in Company K, Ninth Virginia Infantry, and was in General George Edward Pickett's command at the Battle of Gettysburg, where he was wounded. He later served with the Army of Northern Virginia, until the end of the war at Appomattox Courthouse. With the return of peace, he entered the law department of the University of Virginia. From the time of his graduation until his death in 1900, he was a prominent member of the Norfolk bar, and during the administration of President Benjamin Harrison, served as United States District Attorney. He was also at one time Commonwealth's Attorney for Norfolk City. His wife, the former Carrie Barney, was born in Mobile, Alabama, and died at Norfolk in 1927, at the age of eighty. Both she and her husband were members of the old Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

The third of four children born to his parents,

Charles B. Borland attended Norfolk Academy, and Horner Military School at Oxford, North Carolina. After graduation, he worked for a time in the cotton business, later for a life insurance agency, and then as a railway clerk. Having joined the Virginia National Guard in 1908, he was on the rolls of the Fourth Virginia Infantry at the outbreak of World War I. Holding the rank of captain, he was later assigned to the 112th Field Artillery, 25th Division. He went overseas in June 1918, and was promoted to the rank of major, and served with his command in the American Expeditionary Force in France for fifteen months. With the reorganization of the 29th Division following the war, he was commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the infantry, and named assistant chief of staff of that division, a unit of the Virginia National Guard, on January 20, 1923. He was national commander of the 29th Division Association in 1936-1937, and his participation in veterans' affairs has continued through the years. Colonel Borland is a past commander of Post No. 392, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and of Police and Fire Post No. 120 of the American Legion. He was chairman of the procurement committee of Citizens Military Training Camps for Norfolk for twelve years. He is presently a member of Post No. 3160, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Julius F. Lynch Post No. 35, American Legion; and the Military Order of the World Wars.

In October 1919, Colonel Borland began his long record of public service with the city of Norfolk when he was appointed inspector of police. In the fall of 1920 he received his first appointment as chief of police of Norfolk, and in July 1922, was made director of public safety. In the early years of his public career he served twice as chief of police, and on September 16, 1938, was appointed city manager, also serving as director of public safety, chairman of the Port of Norfolk Traffic Commission, and director of finance for the city. He continued to direct the administration of these departments of the municipal government until he resigned on January 1, 1946. The many accomplishments of his administration have been of lasting benefit to Norfolk, and he was responsible for initiating changes which have gone far toward modernizing the city. He introduced the Taber Plan for reorganizing its financial structure, which resulted in a reduction of almost half a million dollars per year in its debt service. It also enabled the city to restore depression pay cuts to its employees, and to continued municipal finances on a pay-as-you-go basis without increased tax burden. The pension plan for city employees, one of the most progressive in the United States, was put into effect. In a program for giving police protection in

the city's Negro areas, Negroes were admitted to the police force in 1941, and have proved themselves efficient in their law-enforcement duties. Colonel Borland's administration covered the years of World War II, when special problems arose from the great increase in the city's population attendant on the growth of industries with defense contracts.

After his retirement in 1946, he became executive vice president of the Jamestown Corporation, producer of the Williamsburg historical drama, *The Common Glory*, second oldest of the outdoor dramas still running in the South. He returned to Norfolk in May 1947, and was at that time appointed to his present position as general manager of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District Commission. His offices are in the Board of Trade Building, Norfolk. The commission has jurisdiction over an area of about eleven hundred and sixty square miles. Its territory on the north shore includes Hampton Roads, Newport News, Warwick and Hampton, and on the south shore the city of Norfolk, the Washington and Western Branch districts, the northern half of the Deep Creek District of Norfolk County, the Kempsville and Lynnhaven districts of Princess Anne County, and areas of Nansemond and Isle of Wight counties. The present commission consists of Chairman E. T. Gresham of Norfolk, who has served in that post since 1946, and J. C. Morris of Warwick (vice chairman since 1950), G. A. Treake of Norfolk County (1948), Charles R. Nickerson of Hampton (1954), and Robert F. Ripley (1956). It is the responsibility of the commission to establish the policies under which the staff operates. As general manager of the commission, Colonel Borland heads a force of thirty-three administration and office employees, and eighty-four engineering and operating employees. They operate a far-reaching system with a total valuation of thirteen and one-half million dollars, sixty-eight miles of trunk lines, thirty-three pumping stations and three large sewage-treatment plants. Annual revenues from the system's sixty thousand users totals about one and a half million dollars annually. Nearly all of this goes for the operation of the system, and the commission's finances are consistently "in the black."

Colonel Borland is a member of Owens Lodge No. 164, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; John Walter Chapter No. 68, Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Charity Lodge No. 10, Knights of Pythias, and Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Lodge No. 39, Loyal Order of Moose. For twenty

years he was active in the Rotary Club in Norfolk. Active in the League of Virginia Municipalities, he was its president for the 1928-1929 term, and he was chairman of the Norfolk Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1932 to 1936. He has also served as trustee of the Norfolk Community Fund, and also as trustee of the Norfolk Council, Boy Scouts of America. He was chairman of the council from 1927 to 1930. His interest in youth groups also led to his serving as director of the Boys' Club of Norfolk. He has held offices in the state, national and international police chiefs' organizations, and in public safety groups. An Episcopalian, he is a communicant of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and formerly served as a member of its vestry. His favorite sport is deep-sea fishing.

A man of charming personality and a fine conversationalist, Colonel Borland has a wide acquaintance and a legion of friends throughout Virginia, and he has often appeared as toastmaster or master of ceremonies at public gatherings.

On August 4, 1917, in the Little Church Around the Corner, in New York City, Colonel Charles Barney Borland married Grace Odend'hal of Norfolk, daughter of the late Joseph S. and Herbert (Cason) Odend'hal. They make their home at 1412 Trouville Avenue, Norfolk.

MICHAEL MORZYCKI MORA has been a resident of Norfolk since 1954, when he came to the city to assume duties as general manager of the Norfolk Port Authority. He has since held this post with the port's promotional agency, which was created in 1948 to stimulate commerce here. The authority maintains a traffic department to protect the existing favorable rate differentials and to seek other advantages; a research and statistical department to maintain statistical data and conduct special studies; a publicity department to advertise the port's advantages among shippers and manufacturers and a commerce department, which solicits cargo at home and abroad. In addition, the Port Authority also operates the Norfolk Municipal Airport.

Born June 29, 1896, Mr. Mora is a native of the Kujawy area of Poland which was then a part of the Russian Empire. He is a son of the late Sir Witold Morzycki Mora, and of Christine (Komorowski) Mora who still resides in her native Poland. Sir Witold Mora was a skilled mechanical engineer who retired several years before his death in 1940, at the age of eighty. For many years he was director for Russia of the electrical equipment manufacturing firm known as the A. E. G. Company in Berlin, and his work took him to many parts of Europe and Asia. His only trip to the United States was as a delegate representing

central Europe's boiler and machinery industry at the Columbian Exposition, held at Chicago in 1893.

Michael M. Mora received his education in Europe, attending the Second Normal School and the Polytechnic Institute, both at St. Petersburg (now Leningrad), Russia (now U. S. S. R.). He majored in electrical engineering. During the World War I period, he was exempt from military service, being engaged in wartime production work in Russia. Following the Russian Revolution, which culminated in 1918 in the establishment of the Soviet, he came to the United States to make his home, and soon became a naturalized citizen.

He took his first position here, in 1919, as representative of the Union of Polish Power Plants, and continued in that connection until 1921, when he became the New York partner of the Canadian underwriting firm of A. H. Martens and Company. In 1925 he returned to the employ of the Polish government as chief of the Commercial Division of the Consulate General of Poland, in New York. In 1929 he re-entered private industry, accepting appointment as vice president of the Foreign Trade Securities Company, Ltd., which had offices in Paris, Berlin and other major cities as well as in New York; and he was also active in the foreign exchange brokerage business until 1934. For the next decade he was vice president and treasurer of Parish Petroleum Corporation and associated companies in Louisiana and Texas.

With the end of World War II in 1945, Mr. Mora took a position as executive assistant chief of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration mission for Poland. The following year he was named world trade development director of International House in New Orleans, Louisiana. He served in this position for five years, then once again returned to private industry as vice president of the Colonial Trust Company of New York. From 1952 to 1954, he was vice president of the Foreign Trade Assistance Corporation of America, which also has its headquarters in New York.

Mr. Mora then came to Norfolk, and since June 15, 1954, has served most capably as general manager of the Norfolk Port Authority. He is a member of the Export-Import Club of Richmond, the North Atlantic Ports Association, American Association of Port Authorities, Committee for National Import Policy, Hampton Roads Foreign Commerce Club, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and the Society of American Military Engineers. In his own city he belongs to the Rotary, Norfolk Executives Club, the Virginia Club, and the Propeller Club of the Port of Norfolk. His hobby is collecting cigarette lighters.

On October 2, 1926, in Greenwich, Connecticut,

Michael Morzycki Mora married Anja Pregot, who was born in New York City of Polish descent. Mr. Mora's business address is 500 Board of Trade Building, Norfolk.

ARUNAH OTTO LYNCH—Norfolk County's treasurer, A. O. Lynch, has a long and creditable record in public service. He served as commonwealth attorney for Norfolk County from 1928 until July 8, 1954, when he resigned to accept appointment to complete the unexpired term of Robert A. Robertson as county treasurer. He was elected to succeed himself for a full four-year term beginning January 1, 1956. He is well qualified for his position by education, experience, and general administrative ability.

He was born April 1, 1888, in Camden County, North Carolina, son of the late Willoughby and Mary DeLena (Knight) Lynch. His father was a lumberman long associated with the John L. Roper Lumber Company, at one time one of the largest lumber producers of the Tidewater region. A. O. Lynch grew up on the home farm in Norfolk County and received his primary education in the Wallaston Grammar School. He graduated from Leaksville-Spray Institute at Leaksville, North Carolina, then entered the old Richmond College, now the University of Richmond, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911. On completing his courses there, he taught English at Fort Union Military Academy until 1915.

In September of that year, with a career in law in mind, he returned to the University of Richmond as an instructor in English and concurrently studied law. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the university in 1917. After his graduation, he and a few other classmates were designated to work with the International Young Men's Christian Association in setting up Young Men's Christian Association recreation buildings in military training camps throughout the United States. Mr. Lynch's own assignment took him to Fort McPherson, Georgia. When the United States entered World War I, in April 1917, he enlisted as a private in the United States Army at Atlanta. He was assigned to duty in the Quartermaster Corps and stationed at the War Prison Barracks No. 1 at Fort McPherson. It was in this prison encampment that the German crews of the two famous German raiders, "Kronprinz Wilhelm" and "Prinz Eitel Friederich," were detained. The two vessels, which carried a total of about one thousand men in their crews, were interned at Portsmouth in 1915, prior to America's entry into the war. After his service at the barracks, Mr. Lynch was promoted to sergeant first class and assigned

to duty in charge of making out payrolls in the Finance Department. In May 1919, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and sent to Camp Lee, to organize the 320th Service Battalion, Quartermaster Corps. With this battalion he left Newport News in July 1918, for overseas duty and landed at Brest, France, in August. Following a year's service with the American Expeditionary Forces and the army of occupation, he was honorably discharged at Newport News on August 2, 1919, with the rank of second lieutenant.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Lynch took the Virginia State Bar examination and was admitted to practice in August 1919. In December of that year he entered the employ of the Guarantee Title and Trust Corporation as title examiner. He continued with this firm, winning promotions to positions of responsibility, until January 1928. He then resigned to accept appointment as commonwealth attorney, leaving a position as assistant manager of his firm.

He had had twenty-six years' experience in the public attorney's post to his credit when Robert A. Robertson, county treasurer of Norfolk County, died in office. Mr. Lynch was named to the post and resigned from his previous post on July 8, 1954, to accept. His present term expires in 1960.

In all his years of public service, Mr. Lynch has faithfully and skillfully performed his duties, and has always regarded his work as a trust enabling him to serve his fellow citizens. His valuable experience in the field of human relations has been particularly helpful.

Active in civic and fraternal affairs, he is a member of the Norview Lions Club, which he helped organize and which he served as president during 1947-1948. He is a member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in Norfolk; Norfolk United Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; and Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, which he served as commander in 1937-1938. He was grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia in 1944-1945. He is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Norfolk. A communicant of the First Baptist Church in that city, he was a teacher of Fidelis Bible Class for twenty-seven years until his resignation on October 1, 1956. As a lawyer, Mr. Lynch belongs to the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association and Virginia State Bar Association. His fraternities are Delta Theta Phi, legal, and Kappa Sigma, social. Mr. Lynch is also a director of the Southern Bank of Norfolk and the Bank of Cradock.

On April 8, 1922, in Baltimore, Maryland, Arunah Otto Lynch married Viola Lena Walter of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of



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two children: 1. Richard Walter, born October 27, 1923. He is now assistant manager of the Southern Materials Corporation of Norfolk. He married Mary Fleet Graves of Portsmouth, and they are the parents of two children: i. Margaret Louise. ii. Katherine Viann. 2. Margaret Viola, born June 30, 1930. She too works for Southern Materials Corporation of Norfolk, being employed in its payroll department. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch make their home at 2507 Old Drive, Norfolk County, and his office is in the County Court House, Portsmouth.

FORREST W. COILE—As a founder of the architectural and engineering firm of Williams, Coile & Blanchard and Associates, and its predecessor, Williams, Coile & Pipino, Forrest W. Coile began his architectural career on the Virginia Peninsula in 1931. Since then he and his partners, A. Byron Williams and W. Boyce Blanchard, have seen their once small office grow into a large organization of architects and engineers who handle the design of many large construction projects annually, both here and abroad.

Mr. Coile, who came to Newport News just shortly before the partnership was formed, was born at Johnstown, Ohio, on September 20, 1905, the son of the late Frederick A. and Pearl (Coe) Coile. As the only son of a building contractor Coile's architectural education actually began in the early years of his life as an apprentice mason in his father's business at Mount Vernon, Ohio. Upon graduation from Mount Vernon High School in 1923, Coile entered the architectural school at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh where he completed his studies in 1927. That same year he left for France to continue his architectural training at the Ecole Americaine des Beaux Arts, Fontainebleau, receiving their diploma upon completion.

After Mr. Coile returned from France he went to Pittsburgh and to the office of architect Douglas D. Ellington. A short while later Ellington moved his practice to Asheville, where they were primarily engaged in the design of municipal and school commissions. Three years later Mr. Coile, with an associate, Basil A. Pipino, came to Newport News to join the firm of A. Byron Williams, who was then practicing architecture on the Peninsula. In 1932 the firm of Williams, Coile & Pipino was founded.

The period immediately preceding World War II brought the firm's architectural and engineering abilities into full play. With the nation geared for defense production and the immediate need for almost every type of construction, Williams, Coile & Pipino, as it was still known, began to increase

its staff considerably as they were called upon time and again to provide the complete design work for large scale housing projects, hospitals, schools, airfields, industrial projects, and naval and military construction programs. Along with this expansion the organization also increased the number of services available to their clients to include all phases of civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and master plumbing. Proving themselves capable, not only in building construction, the firm's activities have included such projects as roads, sewers, gas and water systems, power plants, electrical distribution systems, site improvements and planning and many other related projects.

Basil A. Pipino died in 1943; Mr. Coile and Mr. Williams, however, continued as partners and in 1948 they took in W. Boyce Blanchard, a mechanical engineer, as Director of Engineering. The organization has been known by the names of the three men since that time.

Williams, Coile & Blanchard and Associates, employing a large staff of technical men, now operates their home office in the building they own at 3415 Virginia Avenue, Newport News, Virginia. They also have branches in Portsmouth, Virginia, and Washington, D. C.

Mr. Coile was absent for three years during World War II serving in the Corps of Engineers and the General Staff Corps of the Army of the United States. Serving as a lieutenant colonel in the European Theater of Operations, Coile earned the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Order of the British Empire, Croix de Guerre avec Etoile de Vermeil, and Officer de l'Order de La Couronne Belgium.

Professionally, Mr. Coile holds a corporate membership in the American Institute of Architects. He is a registered architect in the states of Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia. He also holds a certificate of Senior Classification with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. In addition to his connection as a partner in Williams, Coile & Blanchard and Associates, he serves on the board of directors at the Bank of Warwick. He is a member of the James River Country Club, Sigma Nu social fraternity, attends Hilton Christian Church and is a Democrat in his politics.

Forrest W. Coile was married in 1950 to Eloise Lane of Washington, D. C., the daughter of Thomas Herbert and Sara Clayton Lane. Mr. Coile is the father of a son by a previous marriage, Forrest W., Jr., also an architect with Williams, Coile & Blanchard and Associates, who was born in 1930. Mr. Coile resides at 205 River Road in Warwick, Virginia.

ABE ARTHUR BANGEL—A prominent member of the Portsmouth-Norfolk bar for many years, Abe Arthur Bangel is senior member of the firm of Bangel, Bangel, and Bangel. Engaged in the general practice of law, the firm acts as legal counsel to many important interests. Associated as partners in the firm are the senior member's two sons, Stanley J. and Herbert K. Both are graduates of the Law School of the University of Virginia.

A. A. Bangel, as he is best known, was born on Christmas Day, 1894, in New York City, and is a son of the late Harris and Bertha Bangel. His parents moved to Portsmouth in 1898, and there Harris Bangel became a successful merchant. He spent the remaining years of his life in the city. A. A. Bangel received his early education in the public schools of Portsmouth and graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1912. For his law studies he entered National University in Washington, D. C., where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1915. Admitted to the Virginia State Bar, he began private practice in Portsmouth in the same year. In 1917 his career was interrupted when he entered the United States Army Corps of Engineers for service in World War I. Following the close of the war, he resumed law practice at Portsmouth, where he has since continued successfully.

As an able attorney, he has won wide recognition for his professional attainments. Extensively engaged in a general practice, the firm of Bangel, Bangel, and Bangel deals with a considerable variety of cases. Its senior member holds membership in the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

He has business interests outside of his law practice, including the presidency of Portsmouth Newspapers, Inc., publishers of the Portsmouth Times. He is a member and past president of the Suburban Country Club of Portsmouth and belongs to Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Post No. 37, American Legion. His religious affiliation is with Gomley Chesed Synagogue of Portsmouth.

On March 9, 1924, Abe Arthur Bangel married Florence Block of Norfolk. They are the parents of two sons: i. Stanley Jerome, born July 16, 1925, at Portsmouth. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1942 and received his degree of Bachelor of Laws from the University of Virginia in 1947. He was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in that year and joined his father's law firm. A veteran of service in the United States Navy, Stanley J. Bangel was commissioned an ensign in June 1945, and served with the Atlantic Fleet until his separation from the service in June

1946. His professional affiliations include the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association, the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the National Association of Claimants Compensation Attorneys. He has served as vice president of the last-named group since 1953. He is also associate editor of the National Association of Claimants Compensation Attorneys Journal. In his own city he belongs to the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the board of directors of the Suburban Country Club, and belongs to Gomley Chesed Synagogue. On December 22, 1946, Stanley J. Bangel married Frances Dorf of Portsmouth, and they are the parents of two children: i. Karen Lynne, born April 24, 1949. ii. Keith Harrison, born March 23, 1952. 2. Herbert Kay, born in Portsmouth on May 29, 1928. He received his early education in the public schools of Churchland and Portsmouth and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in June 1944. He then entered the University of Virginia, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in June 1947, and the degree of Bachelor of Laws in February 1950. He was admitted to the Virginia State Bar on August 25, 1949, and then became a member of the law firm of Bangel, Bangel, and Bangel. His professional affiliations are with the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association, Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, Virginia State Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the National Association of Claimants Compensation Attorneys. Locally he is a member of the Portsmouth Cosmopolitan Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and Lodge No. 898, Loyal Order of Moose. He serves on the boards of directors of the Portsmouth Sports Club and the Suburban Country Club and also on the board of Gomley Chesed Synagogue. He is also president of the Men's Club of the synagogue. On November 14, 1948, Herbert Kay Bangel married Carolyn Kroskin of Norfolk. They are the parents of two children: i. Nancy Jo, born March 12, 1951. ii. Bradford Jay, born July 12, 1954.

WILLIAM PLUMMER WOODLEY—One of Norfolk's civic leaders as well as an industrial executive, William Plummer Woodley is president of The Columbian Peanut Company, with general offices in the Wainwright Building. Widely known in the industry, and possessing a sound knowledge of every aspect of the business which he heads, Mr. Woodley has been identified with the management of the firm since his graduation from the law department of Washington and Lee University in 1928.

The company itself, which is the largest miller of raw peanuts in America, with mills in Virginia,

North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, had its beginning in Norfolk in 1892, and was organized by John L. Roper of that city and his associates. The original charter was granted in June 1893, and the company is still operating under this charter and subsequent amendments. The initial capitalization of the enterprise was twenty-two thousand dollars. The company's first plant occupied an entire block located on Water Street in Norfolk, which was at that time the center of the peanut-milling industry. As production increased, cultivation of the nut was extended to North Carolina and by 1904 the industry was becoming centered around Suffolk, which was a more central point. In that year, The Columbian Peanut Company (which took its name from the fact of its founding in the year of the Columbian Exposition) built a modern plant at Suffolk. It operated this plant until 1913, when it was sold to the John King Peanut Company. A short time later, the firm erected another modern plant in Suffolk and this it still operates. Prior to 1913, a policy of building mills scattered throughout the producing areas had been inaugurated, for the convenience of growers in disposing of their crops, plants being operated at Enfield, North Carolina, Tarboro, North Carolina, Petersburg and Stony Creek, Virginia. Large storage warehouses were also built to promote a more orderly distribution of the crop to the trade; and this network of plants and warehouses made possible the modern-day growth of the peanut industry in Virginia and North Carolina. The Columbian Peanut Company continued to expand rapidly, and built cleaning and shelling plants in many of the rural communities of the peanut belt.

Julius P. Woodley became manager of the company soon after its organization, and was president from 1913 until his death in 1928. The company's rapid growth came about largely through his initiative and determination; and his efficiency in developing widespread markets for the product was also a factor in the strides made by the entire industry. At about the end of World War I, the farmers of the Southeastern states began the cultivation of peanuts; and in 1919 The Columbian Peanut Company erected its first plants in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. After the death of Julius P. Woodley in 1928, the company was reorganized and its capital stock increased. At that time H. C. Smither became president. He was one of the pioneers in the development of the peanut industry, having handled the crop for growers in connection with his commission business in Norfolk prior to 1900. He continued as directing head of the company until his retirement in 1947, and was succeeded in the presidency by William P. Woodley, who has since filled that office most capably. Other officers at the present time are T. J. White;

and W. L. Paullin, vice presidents; L. C. Brennan, treasurer; and Edna West Adams, secretary. The present thirteen cleaning and shelling plants are located at Ahoskie, Elizabethtown, Enfield, Scotland Neck and Tarboro, North Carolina; Suffolk and Wakefield, Virginia; Bainbridge, Fort Gaines, Pelham and Shellman, Georgia; and Enterprise and Ozark, Alabama.

The career of William P. Woodley has been characterized by exceptional foresight and progressiveness—traits which are combined with a humanitarian spirit, revealed in sound employee relationships and in his cooperation with community projects and organizations. He is a native of Suffolk, and was born on July 25, 1904, son of James Lawrence and Mary Alice (Hassell) Woodley, both natives of eastern North Carolina. His father, who had settled in Suffolk in 1901, was long identified with the management of The Columbian Peanut Company. He died in that city in 1930. His widow continues to maintain the family home there. Attending the public schools of Suffolk, William P. Woodley graduated from Jefferson High School in 1922. He attended the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg for one year, then entered Washington and Lee University, where he took his professional courses and graduated in 1928 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Foregoing a career in the law, he immediately became associated with The Columbian Peanut Company as vice president. Early in his career, he became familiar with various phases of operations at Suffolk, and in Georgia and Alabama, and was for a time the manager of the Enterprise plant in the latter state. In 1932 he interested himself in the sales operations of the business in Chicago, continuing there until December 1933. He then returned to Norfolk, where he has since made his headquarters at the company's home offices. As president since 1947, he has adhered to a high standard of leadership in the industry, in which he has won widespread recognition. He is a member and past president of the National Peanut Council, and he has served on the distributors' committee of the National Association of Manufacturers. Besides his major business connection, he is a member of the board of directors of the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk.

Active in civic affairs, he was recently appointed executive vice president of the Tidewater Virginia Development Council. He is a member and past director of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and a past president of the Norfolk Council of Social Agencies. A director of the Norfolk General Hospital, he served as president of the board from 1948 to 1950. He is also on the Board of Conservation and Economic Development for the State of

Virginia. During the World War II period he served on the Norfolk Selective Service Board, and he has been active in many worth-while projects for community betterment. He is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Virginia Club of Norfolk, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Princess Anne Country Club and the Cavalier Beach Club. His favorite sport is golf.

On January 9, 1937, at Norfolk, William Plummer Woodley married Margaret Cornelia McDowell, daughter of the late William P. and Nealie (Sylvester) McDowell. Dr. McDowell was a prominent pediatrician of Norfolk, who died in December 1955. Mrs. McDowell's death occurred in 1933. Mrs. Woodley attended Peace College at Raleigh, North Carolina. She is a member and past president of the Junior League of Norfolk, a member of the Garden Club of Norfolk, and attends the First Presbyterian Church. The couple live at 7700 North Shore Road, Lochhaven.

LEIGH GILROY HOGSHIRE—The numerous activities and interests of Leigh Gilroy Hogshire have made him a familiar and influential figure in the development of the Tidewater area and the state at large. As president and manager of the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Line, Inc., which maintains its general offices and terminal at 937 East Water Street, Norfolk, he has for a third of a century given leadership in the field of freight transportation through a combination of water-and-truck service, a form of service in which Mr. Hogshire pioneered on the East Coast. An affiliate of the older line is the N-B&C Motor Lines, Inc., of which Mr. Hogshire is also president and manager and which has implemented the land, or trucking, phase of the Hogshire operations. In World War II, the vessels owned by Mr. Hogshire's enterprises were taken over by the Government for military duty and since then these enterprises have expanded to multiply the services it had been rendering shippers and the general populace. There are now division offices and terminals at Baltimore, Maryland; Charleston, South Carolina; Beaufort, North Carolina; Richmond, Virginia, and Wilmington, North Carolina. Besides heading these two large businesses, Mr. Hogshire is a director of the Seaboard Citizens National Bank of Norfolk, treasurer of the Hogshire Tent and Awning Manufacturing Company, Inc., and president of the Hogshire Corporation of Norfolk. He is an outstanding figure in traffic circles, in Chamber of Commerce activities and in the maritime world.

Born in Norfolk on July 18, 1897, Mr. Hogshire is the son of Edward and Martha M. (Blake) Hogshire. His father, a native of Princess Anne County,

was a member of an Irish family which had settled in America in colonial days. He was prominent in the business life of Norfolk for many years and was the founder of the Hogshire Tent and Awning Manufacturing Company, Inc. He died in Norfolk in October 1932, Martha Blake Hogshire, born in Gloucester County, Virginia, the daughter of Thomas B. and Rebecca (Coleman) Blake, was a resident of Norfolk for sixty-five years and a charter member of the LeKies Memorial Methodist Church. She died in Norfolk on August 23, 1956, at the age of eighty-three. The surviving children are one daughter, Mrs. John W. Keefe, and three sons, Russell B. Hogshire, Thomas E. Hogshire and Leigh Gilroy Hogshire.

After attending Norfolk's public schools—he was graduated from Maury High School in 1915—Leigh Gilroy Hogshire took a course in the Eastman Business School at Poughkeepsie, New York, and in 1917 began his career with the Hogshire Tent and Awning Manufacturing Company, Inc. His first job was in the ship supply department in Norfolk and Newport News. He later became treasurer of this business.

On January 1, 1923, Mr. Hogshire founded the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Line, Inc., and has been its president and manager since then. At the outset the line provided an all-water freight service between Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina ports. As stated by Mr. Hogshire, the basic policy of his company from the start has been to provide the public with a reliable and economical method of handling freight shipments, to protect the public's interests and to safeguard the goodwill of its patrons. The success of the line is proof that it has achieved these objectives.

A factor in this success has been the loyalty and cooperation of the employees, for since the beginning there have been few changes in key personnel. Most of the present officers have been with the line many years, some even from the day operations were started. The same is true of a majority of the ship and truck personnel and those employed in shore capacities. The present officers, besides Mr. Hogshire, are: Hal G. Williams, executive vice president; T. E. Hogshire, treasurer; J. W. Keefe, secretary; E. J. Tunney, traffic manager; J. L. Fanell, assistant traffic manager; R. S. Baum, assistant secretary and treasurer; J. P. Harper, general agent, and C. A. Cocke, general claim agent.

When the company started in 1923, its vessels were diesel-propelled, with freight decks partly housed and fitted with mast and boom for overhead loading and discharge to and from lower holds through hatches in the open sections of the main decks. This type of ship was the best available in those days. At the time, Norfolk was a large

cotton port. In addition, much tobacco moved into the area for storage. In 1925, to supplement the service between Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina and to provide service between Norfolk and Baltimore, the company began operations between these last two ports. At first the service was on a twice-a-week basis; then every other day and finally daily. The Baltimore-Norfolk service utilized larger ships without mast and boom, but with freight decks completely housed and fitted with side ports, elevators and other mechanical equipment to handle cargo into and out of holds.

By this time the motor truck was becoming of age and the advantage to the shipper of a tie-in between the company's water service and truck transportation was obvious. With the company's Baltimore service inaugurated and thereby in a position to serve Eastern North Carolina ports from both Norfolk and Baltimore, consideration was given to the idea of using trucks to serve interior points adjacent to these Carolina ports and thereby establishing a water-truck service that would enable these interior points to enjoy lower freight charges resulting from use of the Inland Waterway. Such a service would combine the economy of water transportation with the flexibility and other advantages of truck transports.

In 1926, the water-truck service was begun through the port of New Bern, North Carolina. This served the New Bern area and inland points as far off as Kinston and Goldsboro, North Carolina, and was the first water-truck service on the East Coast. Later this water-truck service was extended to cover the inland territory adjacent to all ports served by the company, including Norfolk and Baltimore. Thus came into being the N-B&C Motor Lines, Inc. This firm obtains a major part of its revenue from business handled in conjunction with the water line, although there is a substantial all-truck operation. The new company handles a large fleet of pickup and delivery and over-the-road equipment, including tandem and single-axle trailers, both flats and vans of conventional and high-cubic types. It owns garages and repair shops for the maintenance of this equipment.

Between 1925 and 1935, cargo between Baltimore and North Carolina was transferred at Norfolk. Ships between Baltimore and this city proceeded no further south than Norfolk and those between North Carolina and Norfolk no farther north than Norfolk. At that time all this was practical and the most economical, in view of the fact that the Baltimore-North Carolina operation was not sufficient to support a through operation. In 1932, however, the Inland Waterway was completed as far south as Wilmington, North Carolina, and the following year the company began serving this

port. By 1935 tonnage to this area had increased sufficiently to justify a direct all-water service between Baltimore and North Carolina ports with stops at Norfolk to pick up and discharge Norfolk cargo.

To provide this service Mr. Hogshire found it necessary to acquire floating equipment suitable to navigate both Chesapeake Bay and the Inland Waterway with sufficient draft to be seaworthy in the Bay and at the same time shallow enough to transverse the Waterway. Due to the requirements of Chesapeake Bay shipping, the new ships were unable to operate up the shallow rivers adjacent to the Inland Waterway and a great many river points had to be eliminated from direct all-water service. Water-truck service through the larger and deeper ports was substituted. This type of operation continued until early 1942 when, because of World War II, the Federal Government took over most of the company's vessels. Only two vessels were left in the Norfolk-Baltimore service and a few small chartered vessels which served Wilmington and Charleston, South Carolina. By 1947, a majority of the company's vessels had been returned, but water transportation had undergone such a change in the war years that it was necessary for the company to revise completely the service south of Norfolk.

The first step was the elimination of the all-water service to North Carolina ports other than Wilmington. These ports, together with inland points that had been served through them, were now given a water-truck service through Norfolk. This provided the much faster and more frequent service to which the public had become accustomed and was demanding. Eventually, all-water service to Wilmington was discontinued and water-truck service through Norfolk substituted in order to meet the demand.

By 1947 it was also apparent that the company's floating equipment had become antiquated and that new handling methods developed during the war necessitated a complete revision of handling and operating methods. The use of cargo pallets, together with mechanical equipment suitably designed to transfer cargo in this manner, had become an economic necessity. The change meant the acquisition of new vessels having large cubic capacity with cargo decks free of structural obstacles and designed to accommodate and transport safely cargo stowed on pallets. The company's warehouse had to be strengthened throughout and redesigned to accommodate this type of operation. Floors had to be made sufficiently strong to withstand the abuse and to carry the loads of large fork lifts.

This program was started and in the early part

of 1940 the first new-type ships were added to the company's fleet. These vessels were designed primarily to accommodate cargo-loaded pallets, but they were also built to handle cargo loaded in the over-the-road vehicles and capable of being handled as trailer ships when required. Since then the company has added three tugs and three large cubic-capacity barges especially designed for push-type propulsion in the Inland Waterway and for towing in Chesapeake Bay. This equipment is used in the Charleston service—the most modern inland waterway equipment afloat today. Today, cargo received from railroad cars or from trucks is placed on pallets at the company's terminals and is not touched again until at the port of destination it is delivered to truck or railroad car for delivery to the consignee. In many instances the pallets are loaded at the shipper's warehouse and unloaded at the consignee's warehouse.

In all of his enterprises Mr. Hogshire is determined to achieve similar modernity, economy and quality of service. Besides his activities in the various firms in which he is an officer or director, he is a member and past president of the Propeller Club of the Port of Norfolk; member of the National Propeller Club of the United States; member and past president of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Traffic Club; member of the Associated Traffic Clubs of America and the New York Traffic Club; former vice president and member of the board of directors of the Hampton Roads Maritime Commission; member and former director of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce; and member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He is a former member of the Rotary Club of Norfolk. In World War II, Mr. Hogshire served on the Advisory Council of the Office of Defense Transportation. He is also a member and past director of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and a member of the Princess Anne Country Club; Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Norfolk Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery, Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He worships in the LeKies Memorial Methodist Church of Norfolk. His favorite sports are golf, fishing and boating.

On September 21, 1929, in Norfolk, Mr. Hogshire married Olive B. Toler of that city. By a previous marriage, Mr. Hogshire has one daughter, Dorothy Leigh, the wife of J. P. Harper, prominent attorney and member of the Virginia House of Delegates, of Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Harper have two children: 1. John P. "Jack" Harper, Jr. 2. Penelope Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh G. Hogshire make their home at Bird Neck Point, Virginia Beach.

WILLIAM EDWIN THOMAS—The president and general manager of the Thomas Marine Corporation of Norfolk, William Edwin Thomas, may be said to have been born to the business in which he engages. His great-grandfather established the family tradition in the shipbuilding and repair industry in the Nineteenth Century, building wooden sailing schooners at Portsmouth. His son, William E.'s grandfather, carried on the tradition, and it was he who, in the early years of this century, founded the Thomas Marine Railway in Berkley. When he retired his son, Emmett Morris Thomas, took over management of the plant. There William Edwin Thomas, representing the fourth generation, gained his early experience in the various phases of shipbuilding and ship repair work while he was still a high-school student. Although only thirty-three years of age at the time this is written, he is president and general manager of Thomas Marine Corporation, and capably directs a compact and highly efficient organization.

Thomas Marine Corporation has a modern plant located on the eastern branch of the Elizabeth River in the heart of Norfolk, at 127 Boush Street. It has a well-equipped machine shop and wood-working shop, capable of servicing various types of ships and small-boat repair. This includes work on tugs, barges and yachts. Launch service and adequate portable machinery and equipment are maintained ready for around-the-clock use, for the repair of vessels in the Hampton Roads area. Adjacent to the plant facilities is berth space capable of accommodating ocean-going vessels for repair.

A native of Norfolk, William E. Thomas was born on June 23, 1923, son of Hunter V. and the late Ruth (Burroughs) Thomas who died in 1926. Hunter V. Thomas worked within the framework of the family's industrial tradition, being a shipwright in Portsmouth. As a youth, William E. Thomas made his home with his uncle, Emmett Morris Thomas. Graduating from Maury High School in 1941, he supplemented his public schooling through courses in engineering and drafting at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Extension School, and at the same time held a position in the Norfolk Navy Yard as a draftsman until 1942.

He then enlisted for wartime service in the Merchant Marine as an apprentice seaman, and served overseas, on supply vessels in the Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, Persian Gulf and North Atlantic. He continued in these duties until released from active service in September 1946, with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Thomas entered the employ of his uncle, Emmett Morris Thomas, who owned and operated the old Thomas Marine Railway Plant in Norfolk. He continued in this connection until his uncle's death in 1947, when



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the firm was acquired by Southern Materials Corporation of Norfolk. At that time the name was changed to the Virginia Shipyard Company, and William E. Thomas remained as vice president until the latter part of 1950. He left to found his own firm, Thomas Marine Corporation, which began operations in January 1951. With his experience and naturally acquired abilities in the ship repair field, he has succeeded in making his company representative of the firms in the trade. Workmanship and dependable, economical service have provided the basis for rewarding growth.

Active in civic and community affairs, Mr. Thomas is a member of the Hampton Roads Maritime Association, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and Portsmouth Naval Lodge No. 100, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. A member of the higher bodies of Masonry, he belongs to William Chapman Chapter No. 74, Royal Arch Masons; Portsmouth Consistory of the Royal Arch Masons; Scottish Rite and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Norfolk, and the Portsmouth Shrine Club. He is also a member of the Elizabeth Manor Country Club of Portsmouth and the Downtown Club of Norfolk. His favorite sport is golf. He attends Monumental Methodist Church in Portsmouth.

On February 27, 1944, in Portsmouth, William Edwin Thomas married Dorothy Jean Bozeman of that city, daughter of Walter and Sue (Cain) Bozeman. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. William Edwin, Jr., born November 2, 1946. 2. James Morris, born January 24, 1950. 3. Wayne Gregory, born August 20, 1955. The family resides at 304 Wake Forest Road, Portsmouth.

RICHARD LAFAYETTE WOODWARD, JR.

—A businessman whose varied interests have been centered in Suffolk, Virginia, Richard L. Woodward, Jr., recently completed a term as mayor of his city. He is currently serving as president of the Tidewater Virginia Development Council.

Born at Suffolk on July 31, 1888, he is a son of Hersey Woodward, Sr., and Augusta Eppes Saunders Woodward. Richard L. Woodward attended the public schools of Suffolk through the eighth grade. About 1905-1906 he served in the Seventy-first Virginia Regiment of the National Guard. Mr. Woodward began his career with the Tidewater Railroad Company in 1905, which company is now the Virginian. He entered the lumber industry in 1906 with the Suffolk Lumber Company and in 1908 became associated with the Montgomery Lumber Company, of which he later became vice president. For one year he was associated with the North Carolina Pine Association, during which

time he wrote a short history of the varieties of uses of the North Carolina pine. He was president of the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company, also of Suffolk, from 1929, which he helped to organize, and held the vice presidency of the Montgomery Lumber Company and the presidency of the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company until his retirement. He was also president of Woodward Drug Stores, of Hampton, Virginia, and owner of the Woodward Farm Equipment Company of Suffolk. He serves as director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association in that city.

In 1949 Richard Lafayette Woodward, Jr., was elected to the Suffolk City Council and in 1951 became mayor of Suffolk. He resigned from that office effective July 1, 1955, the same date on which he retired from his business connections. He was appointed to the Advisory Council on Virginia Economy by Governor Thomas B. Stanley in September 1956. Another recent connection is Mr. Woodward's service as president of the Tidewater Virginia Development Council, to which he was elected July 13, 1956. This is a non-profit organization devoted to the industrial development of Tidewater Virginia, concerning itself with the growth of trade and manufacture in Princess Anne, Norfolk, Nansemond, Isle of Wight, and Southampton counties and the cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, South Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Suffolk and the towns of Franklin and Smithfield, as well as the counties of Accomac and Northampton. The presidency of the council is a non-remunerative position.

A member of the Virginia Farm Equipment Dealers Association, Mr. Woodward served as its president in 1950. He is a member of the Princess Anne Country Club of Virginia Beach, the Pathfinders Club of Norfolk, and the Downtown Club of Richmond. He is a communicant of Saint Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church at Suffolk. In 1956 Mr. Woodward received the Cosmopolitan Award as First Citizen of the city of Suffolk and Nansemond County, and the same year he received the first and only honorary life membership in the city of Suffolk and Nansemond County Chamber of Commerce.

At the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City on October 16, 1907, Richard L. Woodward, Jr., married Gladys Alida Delves, daughter of John Adolphus and Alice Letitia (Browne) Delves. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward became the parents of the following children. 1. Richard Delves, born November 6, 1910, now deceased. He married Myrnie Brown of Williams- ton, North Carolina, and had four children: Dickie Anne, Myrnie Brown, Virginia Alida, and Richard D., Jr. 2. Gilbert Hume, born on June 8, 1917.

He married Helen Stuart Hensley of Ashville, North Carolina, and they have two children: Stuart Delves and Charles Hensley. Colonel Woodward is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and is stationed in Washington, D. C. 3. John Delves, who was born on December 23, 1924. He married Nona Holmes of Lindhurst, Long Island, New York, and they have three children: Richard L., IV, John D., Jr., and Allison Holmes. His hobby is the development and showing of horses.

JOHN ROBERT VANN—Since his return from military service in World War I, John Robert Vann has been identified with the American Bank and Trust Company of Suffolk, and is now its president. His leadership has been much in evidence in community affairs, and the organizational life of the region.

He is a native of North Carolina, born in the town of Winton on October 17, 1890, son of Henry B. and Sallie S. (Wright) Vann. His father was an undertaker. Until he entered military service at the time of World War I, he remained a resident of Winton, attending its public elementary and high schools, graduating from high school there, and beginning his banking career on the staff of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Winton, of which his uncle, John E. Vann, was the president. He continued with that organization from 1911 until 1918.

Mr. Vann then enlisted for military service in World War I. He was assigned to Company D, 306th Ammunition Train, a component of the 81st Division, and served overseas from August 1918, until July 1919. He held a sergeant's rating, and participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

When he returned to civilian life, he came to Suffolk, where in August 1919, he joined the American Bank and Trust Company. He began his connection with this bank in the capacity of teller. He became cashier in 1940, and in the same year was admitted to membership on the board of directors. In January 1955, he was promoted to the presidency of the bank—the third man to hold that office since its founding in 1912.

As a veteran of World War I, Mr. Vann is a member of Post No. 57 of the American Legion, and serves as finance officer at the present time. He is a member of Suffolk Lodge No. 30, Free and Accepted Masons; Commandery No. 5 of the Knights Templar at Portsmouth; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Norfolk. He is a Democrat in his politics, and as a communicant of the First Baptist Church, serves as treasurer.

In Suffolk on April 3, 1926, John Robert Vann married Ruth A. Taylor of that city, daughter

of Frederick H. and Anna (Johnson) Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Vann are the parents of two daughters: 1. Mary Taylor, who married the Rev. Samuel S. Odom. They have one daughter, Marguerite Taylor Odom. 2. Anna Wright, attending Mary Washington College at Fredericksburg.

GEORGE FRANKLIN WHITLEY, JR.—A lawyer practicing at Smithfield since 1942, George Franklin Whitley, Jr., has capably filled public office throughout that period as trial justice of Isle of Wight County. He was absent during World War II serving as a naval officer.

Mr. Whitley is a native of Smithfield, and was born on September 30, 1912, son of George Franklin, Sr., and Eunice (Minton) Whitley. His father, born in Isle of Wight County on November 6, 1879, took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Elon College and graduate work at the University of North Carolina. After receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Virginia, the elder George F. Whitley began practice in Smithfield in 1905, and continued there until his death in 1942. He was at one time commonwealth attorney, and was trial justice at the time of his death. Eunice Minton, whom he married, was born in Nansemond County, and she is still living.

George F. Whitley, Jr., attended the public schools of Smithfield and graduated from high school there in 1929. In 1933 he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Richmond, and entered the University of Virginia for his professional studies, taking his Bachelor of Laws degree there in 1936. He had been admitted to the Virginia bar in 1935; but went to New York City to begin his practice, being admitted to the bar there in 1937. He remained until 1942, being associated with the law firm of White and Case, with offices at 14 Wall Street.

He returned to Smithfield in 1942, but a short time afterwards entered the service of the United States Navy. He was in the Pacific Theater of Operations for one year, serving two years in the United States Navy, and held a lieutenant's commission at the time of his separation from the service.

Mr. Whitley has practiced at Smithfield since his return from the war. His father having died in 1942, he began practice under his own name. In November 1942, he had been appointed trial justice of Isle of Wight County, and he resumed his tenure on the bench when he returned from naval service. His position now as of the present writing is judge of the Isle of Wight County Court. Conducting a general practice of law, he has offices at 117 South Church Street, Smithfield. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar Association.



Sidney S. Kellam

He has become active in the city's business life as well, and serves on the board of directors of the Smithfield Ham and Products Company, Inc., and the Merchants and Farmers Bank. Mr. Whitley is a Democrat in his politics. He is a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity, and, in his own city, the Rotary Club and the Ruritan Club. He attends Smithfield Baptist Church, which he serves as trustee and treasurer. His hobby is music and his favorite outdoor sport is golf.

On October 9, 1937, in Smithfield, George F. Whitley, Jr., married Alice Rowell, daughter of James R., Jr., and Grace (Warren) Rowell. The couple are the parents of two daughters: 1. Lelia Brock, who was born on September 3, 1943. 2. Sue Warren, born July 29, 1947.

FRANK BATTEN—In Virginia's largest market, which centers around Norfolk and Portsmouth, the media of information, education and interpretation with which Frank Batten is associated exercise tremendous influence. Mr. Batten is publisher of The Virginian-Pilot and Ledger-Star in Norfolk and Portsmouth. In addition, he is vice president and a director of the company which operates Norfolk's AM and TV station, WTAR, and a director of the National Bank of Commerce. In extending his activities beyond the publishing and broadcasting and banking businesses, Mr. Batten has become prominent in community organization projects, health and welfare work and civilian and national defense.

Like his forebears, Mr. Batten is a native of Norfolk, the family having long been identified with affairs of Tidewater-wide significance. He was born on February 11, 1927, and is the son of Frank and Dorothy (Martin) Batten. Both parents were also born in Norfolk. The father, a banker, died when he was twenty-eight. Mr. Batten is the grandson of the late Alvah H. Martin, founder of the Merchants and Planters Bank, and prominent in Virginia politics.

The publisher began his education in the public schools of Norfolk and continued at Culver Military Academy, from which he was graduated in 1945. In 1950, he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Virginia and two years later the degree of Master of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School in Boston.

Mr. Batten began his newspaper career in 1947, when he obtained a summer job on the news staff of what was then called The Ledger-Dispatch. Until he completed his education he continued working summers, chiefly as a reporter, on this paper. For a time he varied his experience by serving as an advertising salesman. In 1952, after taking his

Master's degree, he went to work on a full-time basis, this time as a salesman in the advertising department.

With this rounded experience behind him, Mr. Batten was appointed assistant secretary-treasurer of Norfolk Newspapers, Inc., in 1953. Later he was made vice president and in 1954 was elected publisher of The Virginian-Pilot and Ledger-Dispatch. With the purchase of The Portsmouth Star in 1955, the names of the papers whose operations he directs became The Virginian-Pilot and Ledger-Star. Norfolk and Portsmouth and their environs are thoroughly covered by the Norfolk and Portsmouth editions. Further coverage of the territory, which has a devoted following of hundreds of thousands of listeners and viewers, is gained through WTAR-AM and WTAR-TV, in the management of which Mr. Batten also has a leading voice. As a director of the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk, which merged with the Merchants and Planters Bank in 1957, Mr. Batten continues an association begun by his grandfather.

Through his other interests Mr. Batten served as chairman of the International Naval Review which assembled warships from all over the world in Hampton Roads in 1957; as secretary, treasurer and a trustee of the William and Mary Foundation; as a director of the Norfolk General Hospital and the Norfolk Community Chest, and as lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve. In the years 1955-1957 he was treasurer and in 1958-1959 vice president of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and he served two years as general chairman of the Norfolk Azalea Festival.

Mr. Batten is married to the former Jane Neal Parke. He makes his home at 802 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk. His office is at 150 West Brambleton Avenue in that city.

SIDNEY S. KELLAM—Among the Lower Tidewater's leaders in the insurance field, Sidney S. Kellam has won recognition in the course of his thirty years' experience in Princess Anne County. During most of that time, he has been a partner in the Kellam-Eaton Insurance Company, an agency with headquarters at 3113 Pacific, Virginia Beach. Mr. Kellam has been active in a number of local organizations; has held office as county treasurer; and has been an influential figure in the councils of the Democratic party.

He was born at Princess Anne on July 6, 1903, son of Abel E. and Clara O. (Eaton) Kellam. His father, who was born in Northampton County, Virginia, on July 6, 1849, was for twenty years clerk of court in Princess Anne County. He was the owner and operator of a lumber company

there. His death occurred on January 1, 1926. Clara O. Eaton, whom he married, was born in that county on May 6, 1870, and she survives her husband.

Sidney S. Kellam attended the public elementary and high schools of Princess Anne County, and in his early years worked on a farm owned by his father. He left to take a position in the machine shops of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad in Portsmouth, working there for a year and a half.

In 1925 he entered the insurance business in Princess Anne County, and after five years' experience, determined to go into business for himself. It thus came about that in 1930 he organized the Kellam-Eaton Insurance Company, of which he has since been a partner. The agency has been located at Virginia Beach since it was founded, and in 1954 the partners built their present modern office building at 3113 Pacific Avenue. In addition to selling general insurance policies, the organization has branched out into the real estate business. Mr. Eaton, the other founding partner, died in 1937, and Mr. Kellam's partners at the present time are his brothers, Harold B. and William P. Kellam.

The insurance executive has also become an influential figure in banking in the area. One of the organizers of the Bank of Virginia Beach, he is a member of its board of directors and of its executive committee. He is also a director of the Virginia Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association. He is secretary and treasurer of the Sea Realty Corporation, a shopping center; secretary and treasurer of Beach Land, Inc., also a shopping center; and secretary and treasurer of Holiday Sands Motel, on the ocean front.

A Democrat, Mr. Kellam served as treasurer of Princess Anne County for nineteen years, resigning in 1950 to accept appointment as head of the Department of Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia. He resigned from that office in turn in 1953. He is now chairman of the Democratic Committee of the First Congressional District. He has been a delegate to every state convention of his party since 1932, and a delegate to two National Democratic Conventions as a Delegate-at-large from the State of Virginia.

Active in the Virginia Beach Rotary Club, Mr. Kellam formerly served as its president. He is also a member of the Princess Anne Country Club, and of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond. Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he is a member of Princess Anne Lodge No. 25 in Norfolk; United Chapter No. 1 of the Royal Arch Masons; the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Methodist Church.

Mr. Kellam is a member of the Advisory Council

on Naval Affairs, and is a director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

In Princess Anne, on January 21, 1933, Sidney S. Kellam married Odie A. Butt of that city, daughter of William T. and Eliza (Flanagan) Butt. The couple are the parents of two daughters: 1. Jane Butt, who was born on September 27, 1938. She attends Mary Washington College. 2. Elizabeth Ann, born on May 23, 1945.

HAROLD BLANTON KELLAM—As a partner in the Kellam-Eaton Insurance Company of Virginia Beach, Harold Blanton Kellam has taken a prominent place among the insurance executives of the Lower Tidewater area. He is also an official of the K. and E. Corporation; is currently serving as president of the Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce; and has taken roles of leadership in other community groups, in welfare organizations, and in church work.

One of the sons of Abel Erastus and Clara (Eaton) Kellam, he was born in Princess Anne on November 7, 1912. An older brother, Sidney S. Kellam, whose record is also in this volume, is a founding partner of the Kellam-Eaton Insurance Company, as is another brother, William P. Kellam. Their father, a native of Northampton County, was born on July 6, 1849. He became the proprietor of a lumber concern at Princess Anne; and for two decades he served as clerk of court in his county. His death occurred January 1, 1926, and he is survived by his wife, the former Clara O. Eaton, who was born in Princess Anne County on May 6, 1870.

Attending the public schools of Princess Anne, Harold B. Kellam graduated from Kempsville High School in 1931. For one year he was a student at Atlantic University, and he then transferred to the College of William and Mary, which he also attended for one year. He then took courses at Norfolk College, a business school.

In 1934 he began his business career with the Reliance Life Insurance Company in Norfolk, continued in this connection until 1937, and was then transferred to that company's Florida office in Jacksonville. He remained there until June 1944. Mr. Kellam joined the Reliance organization as assistant cashier, and advanced to a district managership.

In 1944 he returned to the Tidewater area and joined the Kellam-Eaton Insurance Company. It had been founded in 1930 by Sidney S. Kellam and M. Claude Eaton. The latter died in 1937, but the organization has retained his name in its title. Besides selling general insurance policies, the firm also deals in real estate. Its address is 3113 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach, where it has occupied modern offices in a building erected in 1954. Mr.



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Kellam is a partner in the firm, with his two brothers.

Besides this major business connection, he is a director of the K. and E. Corporation, a holding company. He is a past president of the Retail Merchants Association of Virginia Beach and Princess Anne County. Likewise active in the leadership of the Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce, he was elected its president to take office in January 1956, and continues to fill that post at the present time. He is also past president of the Rotary Club. His charitable and community work has included service through the Virginia Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross, which he formerly served as chairman.

A Methodist in his religious faith, Mr. Kellam attends the church of that denomination in Virginia Beach. For the past twelve years he has taught a men's Bible class, and is now chairman of the official board. He is a Democrat in politics.

At Franklin, Virginia, on June 26, 1937, Harold B. Kellam married Frances Marion Arthur of that city, daughter of Dr. William Hardy and Elizabeth (Lawless) Arthur. Her father was a dentist. Mr. and Mrs. Kellam have two children: 1. Harold B., Jr., who was born on September 20, 1945. 2. Elizabeth Hardy, born on July 9, 1948.

JAMES BUCKNER MASSEY, JR.—The Norfolk Academy in Norfolk is one of the oldest educational institutions in the United States. Founded in 1728, it has had a history reflecting the history of Norfolk, as noted on other pages of this History of Lower Tidewater Virginia. The periods of prosperity and the periods of depression, the years of war and peace through which Norfolk passed as she grew from a tiny village to a great seaport, have had a direct effect upon the life of the school. And the school, in turn, from its earliest years, has played a vital role in the life of Norfolk. The institution has maintained this outstanding position in recent years partly because of the leadership of the prominent educator who has guided it since 1950—James Buckner Massey, Jr., A.B., M.A., D.Sc. Mr. Massey's reputation is not confined to the educational world. He is active in cultural programs and in health, welfare and recreational work and is well known in Presbyterian circles.

Mr. Massey was born in Augusta County, Virginia, on March 1, 1913, the son of the Reverend James Buckner and Grace Davies (McLaughlin) Massey. His father was a Presbyterian minister for forty-seven years. At the time of his death in January 1953, he was Professor of the Bible at the Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia. Of Scottish origin and member of a family which settled in the Colony of Carolina

long before the Revolution, he was the son of Benjamin Henry Massey of Fort Mill, South Carolina, who served as postmaster of that community and was a farmer and a Confederate veteran of the War Between the States. The educator's mother, a native of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, continues to maintain the family home in Hampden-Sydney. Her father was Andrew McLaughlin, also of Scottish descent, who was a planter in Pocahontas County. He was descended from early Colonial families of that region, members of which served in the Continental Army in the Revolution and in the nation's armed forces in later wars.

James Buckner Massey, Jr., who is the third of the five children born to his parents, attended the elementary schools of Prince Edward County, Virginia. In 1931, he was graduated from the Farmville High School. Subsequently, he studied for one year at Hampden-Sydney College and then entered Erskine College at Due West, South Carolina, where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1935.

He began his pedagogical career in the public school system of Blackstock, South Carolina. He was a teacher there in the school year 1935-1936. In the following year he taught in the public schools of Crewe, Virginia, and in the year 1937-1938 in those of Farmville, Virginia. He then joined the faculty of the Episcopal High School at Alexandria, Virginia, as teacher and coach for the year 1938-1939.

In 1939, Mr. Massey pursued graduate work in education at the University of Maryland, where he took the degree of Master of Arts in 1940. In the next ten years—except for the period he was with the armed forces in World War II—Mr. Massey was a member of the faculty of The Gilman School, a secondary education institution in Baltimore, Maryland. He enlisted in the United States Navy as an apprentice seaman in 1942 but rose through the ranks to lieutenant, senior grade, the rank he was holding at the time of his separation in 1946. In the course of his service with the Navy, Mr. Massey was a member of the staff of the Eastern Sea Frontier, with headquarters in New York City, and later, for two years, was aboard attack-cargo ships in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

From 1946 to 1950 he was, of course, back with The Gilman School in Baltimore. In 1950, he resigned to accept his present post as headmaster of the Norfolk Academy. This institution now occupies a spacious area of eighteen acres on the northwest corner of Newport Avenue and North Shore Road, in the northern suburbs of Norfolk. On this extensive property, which is sufficient for all school needs, school buildings and athletic fields have been built. With a present-day enrollment

of three hundred, the school is organized into two divisions—known as the Lower School and the Upper School.

The Lower School, with a separate organization in its own buildings, consists of classes known as forms, which correspond to the grades in the average public school. The Upper School has six forms, of which the first is the lowest, corresponding to grades seven through twelve in the public schools. The sixth form is the senior graduating class. The headmaster, Mr. Massey, is in direct charge of both schools and under his supervision there is a full-time teaching staff of twenty men and women and three part-time teachers. The academy is a member of the Independent School Association and is fully accredited by the Virginia State Department of Education and the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. Its graduates are accepted by colleges and universities throughout the country.

Mr. Massey is himself a member of Phi Kappa Delta fraternity, the Torch Club of Norfolk, the Rotary Club of Norfolk and other groups. He serves on the board of directors of the Travelers Aid Society of Norfolk, on the board of trustees of the Norfolk City Library and on the National Council of the U. S. O. Also, he is a member of the Session (elder) of the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk and has long been active in Boy Camp work in West Virginia, Virginia, Maine and New Hampshire.

On July 26, 1941, at Crewe, Virginia, Mr. Massey married Helen Thomas Collings, daughter of the late Thomas James Collings and Helen Thomas (Luke) Collings of that city. Mrs. Massey, whose father was a banker and railroadman, is a graduate of the College of William and Mary, where she was granted the Bachelor of Arts degree. She taught in the public schools of Virginia and Maryland and was also a member of the faculty of The Gilman School. She is active in cultural and religious affairs in Norfolk and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Massey have four children: 1. James Buckner, III, born on November 1, 1944. 2. Thomas Collings, born on February 12, 1948. 3. Joseph Price, born on December 10, 1950. 4. Elizabeth River Massey, born June 14, 1957.

CHARLES BRINSON CROSS, JR.—An attorney by profession, whose practice is in Portsmouth, Charles Brinson Cross, Jr., is now serving as a member of the General Assembly of Virginia from Norfolk County and South Norfolk, an office to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket.

A native of Portsmouth, he was born on March 10, 1914, son of Charles Brinson, Sr., and May-

wood (Bland) Cross of that city. His father, who is now deceased, was for many years active in the heavy construction industry as head of the firm of C. B. Cross and Company, Inc., with headquarters in Norfolk.

The younger Charles B. Cross received his early education in Portsmouth, where he attended public schools and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1930. He attended the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, until 1932, then transferred to Washington and Lee University at Lexington, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1936.

Admitted to the bar, he began his private practice of general law at Portsmouth in that year and continued until 1941, when he was called to active duty in the United States Navy. Commissioned an ensign, he was assigned to duty with Naval Intelligence and was stationed at various times in Washington, D. C.; Brooklyn, New York; Norfolk; and Portsmouth. He was separated from active duty in September 1945, with the rank of lieutenant commander, which he held in the United States Naval Reserve.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Cross resumed his general practice at Portsmouth, where in the succeeding years he won wide recognition for his professional abilities and his public spirit. Besides his private practice, he is commissioner in chancery for the Circuit Court of Norfolk County and the Circuit Court of the City of Portsmouth, and also for the Corporation Court of South Norfolk. In 1955 he was elected to the General Assembly of Virginia on the Democratic ticket and is serving as a member of the House of Delegates from Norfolk County and South Norfolk.

As a lawyer, he is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association, and the Virginia State Bar Association. His fraternities are Kappa Alpha and Phi Delta Phi. A member of the Kiwanis Club of Portsmouth, Mr. Cross was its president in 1942. He is a member of Post No. 37 of the American Legion and of Lodge No. 276, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he is identified with the Portsmouth Valley Scottish Rite organization and, as a holder of the Thirty-second degree, is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Among his civic responsibilities, Mr. Cross served as chairman, in 1948-1949, of the Portsmouth Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a communicant of the Park View Methodist Church.

On April 19, 1944, Charles Brinson Cross, Jr., was married to Eleanor Royce Phillips, daughter of Roy Franklin and Mable Starr (Gibson) Phillips of Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Cross are the parents

of two children: 1. Martha Eleanor, who was born on January 30, 1952. 2. Charlotte Marie, born December 27, 1953. The family resides at Churchland.

CAMPBELL ARNOUX—President and general manager of WTAR Radio Corporation of Norfolk, Campbell Arnoux has headed the broadcasting station at that city since January 1934, and assumed his present duties as president of the corporation in October 1946. He began his career in the radio field thirty-five years ago, when the industry was in its infancy, working in such varied capacities as announcer and program director in Texas; and in the intervening years, has made many valuable contributions to the advancement of radio broadcasting and televising. He has won nationwide recognition in both fields, and few men have served the industry as long and ably as he.

Mr. Arnoux was born in New York City on January 13, 1895, son of the late Anthony A. and Susan Elizabeth (Campbell) Arnoux. His mother married, as her second husband, Albert D. Evans of Texas. His father too was a native of New York City and was a prominent lawyer and writer who died in 1932. He was a descendant of Captain Jean Arnoux, a native of France who served with distinction on behalf of the colonies in the American Revolution. He remained here, and settled at Vergennes, Vermont, removing to New York City in 1805, where he established a mercantile business. He died there in 1822. In the maternal line, the broadcasting executive is descended from James Campbell, a native of Scotland who settled in Petersburg in 1795. He married Jeanne Victoire de la Porta, a native of France and a daughter of the Duc de la Porta, who was executed at the time of the French Revolution. Another Virginia ancestor in the maternal line was, Michael Woods, who settled in Albemarle County in colonial times, and built Blair Park, ancestral home of the Woods family. Both the Woods and the Campbell families of Virginia later migrated to Kentucky, and still later to St. Louis, Missouri. Susan Elizabeth (Campbell-Arnoux) Evans was born at Paducah, Kentucky, and was reared in St. Louis, where she arrived with her family at an early age. She now makes her home at Fort Worth, Texas.

Campbell Arnoux was four years of age when the Campbell family moved from New York City back to St. Louis, and he was ten when they located in Fort Worth. Attending the public elementary schools of St. Louis, he completed his grade and high school education in the Texas city, and went on to the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a member of Delta Kappa

Epsilon fraternity, and served as issue editor of the "Daily Texas," the university paper.

He began his business career with the Fort Worth "Record" as a news reporter, and during World War I, served as second lieutenant in the Fifth Texas Cavalry. He was also a civilian instructor in aerial observation during that period. Following the war he traveled around the world as free-lance correspondent for two years. Returning to St. Louis in 1921, he became assistant publicity director with the Southwestern Division of the American Red Cross. He also served as a member of the field staff, Disaster Relief Service, of the Red Cross, with headquarters in St. Louis.

In April 1922, Mr. Arnoux entered the radio broadcasting field as first program director and chief announcer of Station WBAP, the "Star-Telegram" station at Fort Worth, Texas. In 1924 he established Station KTHS at Hot Springs, Arkansas, of which he became manager, and he continued as its directing head until January 1934, when he moved to Norfolk to assume general management of Station WTAR. This is Virginia's oldest radio station, and the most powerful in the Norfolk area. In October 1946, he was made president of WTAR Radio Corporation, and still heads this firm which is responsible for the management of the station. Since he assumed his managerial duties with the Norfolk broadcasting organization, he has held temporary posts as vice president of Station WTRD in Richmond (1937-1940), and as advisor to Station WPID, Petersburg, Virginia (1938-1940), in addition to his Norfolk duties. He is now a member of the board of directors of Norfolk Newspapers, Inc.

In 1950, Mr. Arnoux built Station WTAR - TV, and inaugurated televising there. He continues to operate that station as well as the radio facilities of WTAR. Under his guidance, color television as well has been introduced to the Lower Tidewater area, and a region extending beyond Richmond and over much of eastern North Carolina.

Many times honored for his progressive leadership in the broadcasting industry, Campbell Arnoux was elected chairman of the TV board of directors of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters at that group's thirty-fourth annual convention held in Chicago in June 1956. During 1955 he served as vice chairman of the national organization, which lists some four thousand members representing fourteen hundred radio stations, three hundred television stations and four networks. He was a member of the National Association of Broadcasters' board of directors from 1945 to 1951; was delegate to the Congress of the Inter-American Association of

Broadcasters, convening in Mexico City in 1946; and since 1951, has been a member of the television board of directors of National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, to which he was recently elected chairman. He was previously vice chairman of that board, and he served as chairman of the TV Finance Committee, and as member of the General Finance Committee, of the national association in 1954-1955. In 1956 he was co-chairman of its Convention Committee; and he is now a member of the Pension Committee and chairman of the Circulation Study Committee. Active in the Virginia Association of Broadcasters, he formerly served on its board of directors. He is a member of the Associated Press Broadcasters Association, a member of the Television Bureau of Advertising and of its board of directors, a member of the Radio Pioneer Club, and secretary of the newly organized Television Pioneer Club.

Campbell Arnoux's varied schedule of civic and social activities include membership in the Rotary Club, of which he is past president; and in the Norfolk Symphony Orchestra and Choral Association, of which he is first vice president. He is interested in work with youth, and is past vice president of Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America. He serves on the advisory committee of the Norfolk Civic Auditorium, and is a member of the board of directors of the Norfolk Community Chest. A communicant of the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, Mr. Arnoux serves on its board of deacons. He is a member and past president of the Virginia Club, and a member of the Princess Anne Country Club, the Commissioned Officers Golf Club and the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, all of Norfolk, and the Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville.

On June 30, 1925, Campbell Arnoux married Natalie Brigham. They make their home at 7408 Cortlandt Place, Meadowbrook, Norfolk, and are the parents of two children: 1. Suzanne, who is the wife of John C. Pepper of Norfolk. 2. Patrick Campbell, now with Station WSPA - TV of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

HAROLD HUDGINS—With a background of many years' experience in the cotton industry, Harold Hudgins of Norfolk has served for the past decade as personnel officer and civil service secretary to The Civil Service Commission. He is a native of Norfolk, and was born on January 17, 1895, son of Claude Laurens and Nancy (Hope) Hudgins. His father was a departmental supervisor in the Old Dominion Steamship Company. He at one time served as sheriff of the City of Norfolk, being elected to that office in 1913.

Harold Hudgins attended the public schools of

Norfolk and graduated from Maury High School there. He then entered Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Virginia, as a member of the Class of 1917, but did not remain to graduate. At the time of World War I, he entered the service of the United States Army. Entering as a private, he was assigned to the 116th Infantry Regiment, a component of the 29th Division, and he advanced through the noncommissioned grades to the rank of captain in the infantry. He remained in service about two years, and received his honorable discharge at Camp Dix, New Jersey, on April 1, 1919.

In September 1919, Mr. Hudgins entered the cotton business, as an employee of the firm of Rodgers and Company, and continued in the brokerage and export phases of that industry for many years. In 1946 he became personnel officer and civil service secretary of the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

As a veteran of World War I, he is a member of Post No. 35 of the American Legion at Norfolk. He is an Episcopalian in his religious faith.

At Suffolk, on June 12, 1917, Harold Hudgins married Gladys Virginia Parker, daughter of Henley Milson and Julia Riddick (Parker) Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins are the parents of three children: 1. Harold, Jr., born February 18, 1919. 2. Julie Ann, who was born on February 5, 1923. 3. Thomas Parker, born February 1, 1925. Mr. Hudgins' office is in the City Hall Annex, Norfolk.

GEORGE H. CURTIS, III—Member of a family which has long been identified with the industrial life of Norfolk, George H. Curtis, III, is vice president of the Curtis Marine Company, Inc. A native of Norfolk, he was born on January 14, 1924, son of George H. and Hannah (Rodman) Curtis. His maternal grandfather, Colonel W. B. Rodman was general counsel for the Norfolk and Southern Railway from 1912 until 1944, when he retired. He had also practiced law in Washington, North Carolina. He died in 1947, surviving his wife by a quarter-century. George H. Curtis, Jr., was born in Portsmouth. He served in the United States Navy in World War I and in 1931 established the Curtis Marine Company, of which he has remained president. He is a member and past president of the Propeller Club of the Port of Norfolk and a member of the Lions Club. His marriage to Hannah Rodman took place in April 1921. She is the daughter of Colonel W. B. and Adelaide (Fulford) Rodman. Both of her parents were born in Washington, North Carolina. George H. Curtis, Jr., and Hannah (Rodman) Curtis became the parents of three children: 1. Adelaide, born in 1922. She is the wife of Charles E. Snyder, Jr., who is



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secretary-treasurer of the Curtis Company. 2. George H., III, born January 14, 1924. 3. Lee Ann, born April 22, 1936. She is attending the University of North Carolina.

George H. Curtis, III, completed his secondary studies at Woodberry Forest School at Orange, Virginia, and went on to the University of Michigan, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1948. He immediately began his career with Curtis Marine Company, Inc., beginning work in subordinate positions in the shop to gain experience. He became treasurer of the corporation in 1950, and vice president in 1953.

The Norfolk firm deals in marine supplies and equipment and also stocks related industrial lines. It acts as agent for the sale of Allis-Chalmers products, carrying its line of engines, and represents Pyrene, C-O-Two, and Twin Disc Clutch Company, Westinghouse Air Brake Company, and Willard Battery Company. Headquarters are at 554 Front Street, and a branch office is maintained at Richmond. There are forty people on the payroll.

Mr. Curtis interrupted his studies at the University of Michigan at the time of World War II to serve in the United States Navy. As an enlisted man, he saw action in the South Pacific and received his discharge on April 10, 1946. He is a member of the Propeller Club and the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and Monogram Club, and his fraternity is Alpha Delta Phi. He is a communicant of the Episcopal Church and has served on the vestry of his congregation, Christ and St. Luke's. Fond of active sports, he is especially partial to boating and fishing.

Mrs. Curtis is the former Mary F. McNamara, daughter of John A. and Estelle (Welch) McNamara. Her father, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, is a construction engineer and now resides at Tucson, Arizona. He served in the army in World War II. Mrs. Curtis' mother, a native of Chicago, is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were married on May 21, 1949. They are the parents of two children: 1. George H., IV, who was born on January 20, 1952. 2. Margaret Lee, born July 14, 1954. The family resides at 1446 Malory Court, Norfolk.

the Peninsula, especially in and around Hampton; in dairy trade circles; in health and welfare activities; and in Kiwanis International. He serves as an officer or as a director of various corporations in many fields of business.

Mr. Selden was born at Hampton on April 23, 1909, the son of Jefferson Sinclair and Mary Cooke (Roane) Selden. He is one of four children, all of whom are living, the others being Robert Francis Selden; Mrs. Mary Catherine Selden Ramsey, wife of the Reverend R. R. Ramsey, and Harry Wythe Selden. The senior Mr. Selden was born on a farm in Gloucester County, Virginia, on February 14, 1875. For a time he, like his own father, was a farmer. Then he acquired a boat which he operated in the transport of oysters from his native county to Baltimore, Maryland. In 1902 he moved to Hampton and purchased a farm which he developed into the dairy business which now bears his family name. His wife, who was born in Gloucester County on April 27, 1874, died on December 5, 1951.

The younger Jefferson S. Selden attended Hampton's public schools and was graduated from the Hampton High School in 1927. He was only seventeen when he took over operation of the Selden Dairy and Farm. This was immediately after taking his diploma. He had, of course, worked with his father in the business from an early age. He was accepted as a full partner in the ownership four years later, when he was twenty-one years old, and he has continued to own the half interest to this day. As manager of the business, he has built it to the point where it operates with about three hundred-fifty head of milking cows and heifers producing more than six hundred gallons of milk daily and an additional two hundred head of beef cattle. He supervises more than one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven acres, of which one thousand two hundred are under cultivation. Having acquired the Paynes Island Estate on the Rappahannock River, comprised of one thousand and fifty acres, in 1957. Besides feed for the cows, he raises other crops for market. The dairy and farm are located on Military Highway No. 250, Hampton. In addition to the production of milk on the farm, the Selden interests operate a processing plant for retail distribution of its own milk and about five hundred gallons purchased daily from regular producers. Numerous homes in Hampton and elsewhere on the Peninsula are served by the Selden Dairy.

Besides Selden's Dairy, Mr. Selden is active as a director in the Merchants National Bank of Hampton; as president of the Glu-Pen Corporation of Virginia and the Kirby Refining Corporation of Severn, North Carolina; as a direc-

JEFFERSON SINCLAIR SELDEN, JR.— Selden's Dairy Farm, one of the showplaces of the Virginia Peninsula, has been contributing to the physical and economic health of the populace under the aegis of the Selden family since 1902. A partner in the ownership of this large enterprise and manager of all its operations, Jefferson Sinclair Selden, Jr., is also prominent in the business, civic, social, and religious life of

tor of Florida Orange Stores of Newport News and Warwick; as a director of Hampton Hotels, Inc.; and as a member of the Limited Partnership of Sussex at the Hampton Housing Development.

Through his church and civic work Mr. Selden has had opportunity to speak to more than two hundred different clubs and other organizations on a multitude of topics, and he is in great demand as a speaker. He serves on the board of trustees and is treasurer of Dixie Hospital at Hampton, is on the board of directors of the Peninsula Industrial Commission, and is a former vestryman at Saint John's Episcopal Church of Hampton as well as former president of its Bible Class. He is a former director of the Hampton Chapter of the American National Red Cross and the Hampton Community Chest, the Retail Merchants Association of Hampton, and the Peninsula Executives Club. A past president of the Kiwanis Club of Hampton, he is also past lieutenant governor of the old four division of the Capital District of Kiwanis International and past governor (1952) of the Capital District itself, this district being composed of the Kiwanis Clubs of Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. In addition to the organizations named, he is a member of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, is on the board of directors of Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Virginia State Dairymen's Association. He has a reputation as a collector of coins and stamps. A Democratic adherent when voting, he has no political aspirations of his own. However, through every medium available to him, he keeps well informed on current history and politics, on the local, state, and national levels.

Mr. Selden married Sarah Isabella Dellinger of Lincolnton, North Carolina, daughter of Robert H. Dellinger, who in 1956 observed his ninetyeth birthday, and the late Laura Eugenia (Lof-tin) Dellinger. The wedding ceremony was performed at St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton. Mr. and Mrs. Selden have one son: Jefferson Sinclair Selden, III, who was born in Hampton on December 25, 1942.

FAIRFAX M. BERKLEY—During much of his career in the rewarding profession of education, Fairfax M. Berkley has been identified with the city of Norfolk public school system. He is assistant principal of Blair Junior High School, and is widely known in educators' circles, having served as president of the Norfolk Education Association. He has also been active in Virginia's historical groups.

A native of Berkley, in Norfolk County, Fairfax M. Berkley was born on January 18, 1906, the

youngest of six children born to Waverley Lee, Sr., and Judith Elizabeth (Ferebee) Berkley. The family is of English origin, and in the paternal line is descended from John Berkley, who came to the Virginia Colony in the late Seventeenth Century and settled in Fairfax County. There his descendants became substantial planters. The line comes down in successive generations from John Berkley through William (1), William (2), Benjamin, John Walker, Lycurgus, Waverley Lee, Sr., and Fairfax M. Berkley. The Ferebees are also of English lineage, descended from John Ferebee, surveyor, who laid out the town of Norfolk in 1680. The family have been prominently identified with the development of that town since Colonial times. From John, the Ferebee line descends through Thomas, William, Thomas Cooper (1), Thomas Cooper (2) and Judith Elizabeth (Ferebee) Berkley. Lycurgus Berkley, for whom the town of Berkley was named, was born in Fairfax County in 1827, and came to Norfolk in 1847. For a number of years he was a partner in the firm of Berkley, Miller and Company, wholesale dry goods merchants of Norfolk. Following his marriage to Eliza Middleton, only child of Captain John S. Middleton of Ferry Point, Norfolk County, he made his home at Ferry Point. There he acquired considerable property, and on this land founded the town which bears his name, platting the streets and lots, and taking a leading part in its development. He donated sites for the building of churches, and gave the various denominations financial support as well. With the incorporation of the town in 1870, it was named in his honor, and subsequently, in 1906, was annexed by the city of Norfolk. Lycurgus Berkley died in 1881 and his wife in 1904. Their son, Waverley Lee Berkley, Sr., was born August 18, 1861, at Ferry Point. In the early years of his career he entered the dry goods business, and later headed the retail furniture firm of W. L. Berkley and Company. He retired from business several years before his death on February 6, 1922. He was vice president of the Merchants and Planters Bank and president of the Berkley Permanent Building and Loan Association, which he had helped to organize in 1886. It is now the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association. He was active in Masonry. He had been reared in the Methodist Church, but after his marriage became a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Berkley, which he served as senior warden.

His wife, the former Judith Elizabeth Ferebee, was a daughter of Thomas Cooper Ferebee of Currituck County, North Carolina, and Mary Elizabeth (Wallace) Ferebee of Norfolk County. She was born April 26, 1865, and died June 19, 1939. Waverley Lee and Judith Elizabeth (Ferebee)

Berkley were the parents of six children: 1. Percy Cooper, born 1887, died 1929. 2. Judith Ferebee, who married Richard C. Owen. He is a retired member of the firm of Foote Brothers and Company of Norfolk. 3. Helen Middleton, who married David A. Dashiell, retired traffic manager for F. S. Royster Company of Norfolk. 4. Waverley Lee, 2nd, whose biography is included in this work. 5. John Wallace (died in infancy). 6. Fairfax M. Fairfax Berkley's family roots go deep into the history of Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia. He is a descendant of Sir George Yeardley, Governor of Virginia in 1618 and of Adam Thoroughgood, who came to Virginia in 1621 from King's Lynn, in the County of Norfolk, England, and whose beautiful home on the Lynnhaven River is one of the oldest houses in Virginia. Mr. Berkley's great-great-great-grandfather, Cornelius Calvert, was for forty years an alderman and twice mayor of the Borough of Norfolk.

Attending public schools of Norfolk and graduating from Maury High School in 1923, Fairfax M. Berkley matriculated at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg. There he graduated in 1927, taking his degree of Bachelor of Arts. At William and Mary, he was a member of the following national honorary fraternities: Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership), Sigma Upsilon (literary), Theta Alpha Phi (dramatic), Phi Delta Gamma (forensic), Pi Gamma Mu (social science). In 1933 he took his degree of Master of Arts at Columbia University, New York City. He has also attended the University of Virginia Graduate School and the Sorbonne, in Paris, France.

Meantime, in 1927, he began his teaching career, and throughout his nearly three decades in the teaching profession, he has been with the Norfolk school system. He has taught English, French and Spanish, and since 1942 has served as assistant principal of Blair Junior High School. A member of the Norfolk Education Association, he was elected its president and served from 1950 to 1952. He is a member of the Virginia Education Association and the National Education Association, and he has been a delegate to several state and national conventions.

His interest in Virginia history is indicated in his membership in the Virginia Historical Society, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (of which he is Director of the Norfolk Branch), the Order of Cape Henry 1607 (life member), and the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, of whose Norfolk Chapter he has served as secretary and was the president in 1951. He is frequently called upon to speak on historical subjects before civic groups, and is an effective advocate of good citizenship. A communicant of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

of Norfolk, he formerly served as superintendent of its Sunday school, in which he still teaches. He was formerly a member of St. Bride's Episcopal Church, having served as register and vestryman. He has served on the vestry of St. Andrew's Church, is a lay reader, and since 1948 has served as sponsor of the crucifers of the church.

His interest in the youth of Norfolk extends beyond his daily contacts in school and in church. Since 1946 he has been advisor to the West Chapter of the Maury High School Hi-Y Club, meeting with this group of boys one evening each week during the school year, and assisting them in their sponsorship of the annual Maury Regatta, the only sail-boat races in the country which are sponsored entirely by high school students.

He is a member of the board of governors of the Girls' Club of Norfolk, and a director of the Norfolk Mental Health Center.

Mr. Berkley is unmarried, and resides at 708 Baldwin Avenue, Norfolk.

CLYDE WARREN COOPER—A member of the Portsmouth and Norfolk County bar for the past thirty years, Clyde Warren Cooper is engaged in general practice at Portsmouth. Born in Norfolk County on July 2, 1893, he is the youngest of six children born to Warren Ward and Sarah Elizabeth (Whitson) Cooper. Both parents were natives of North Carolina, and both are now deceased. His father came to Norfolk County in 1885 and devoted the remaining years of his life to farming there.

Clyde W. Cooper received his early education in the public schools of Norfolk County and the city of Norfolk. He began his career as an office employee with the Seaboard Air Line Railway in Norfolk, in 1910, and continued in this connection until 1917. During these years he attended evening classes at Norfolk College, taking business and law courses. In 1917 he entered the employ of the Portsmouth Cotton Oil Corporation and held various positions in clerical and sales capacities until 1929. In that year the Portsmouth Cotton Oil Corporation was acquired by the Procter and Gamble Manufacturing Company.

Meantime, Mr. Cooper had continued to study law and on December 15, 1928, was admitted to the Virginia State Bar. In 1930 he entered the private practice of his profession at Portsmouth. In the course of the intervening years, this practice has brought him large responsibilities, and he serves a number of corporations and other large interests. He is counsel and a member of the board of directors of the American National Bank of Portsmouth and is attorney for the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the Virginia Electric and Power Company, and the Uni-

ted States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Maryland.

Professionally, Mr. Cooper is affiliated with the Portsmouth-Norfolk Bar Association, the Portsmouth and Norfolk County Bar Association, and the Virginia State Bar Association. Active in civic affairs, he is a member of the Portsmouth Rotary Club, which he served as president in 1954. He is a member and past master of America Lodge No. 330, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Portsmouth; Lodge No. 82, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and a member of the Princess Anne Country Club and the Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville. He attends Monumental Methodist Church in Portsmouth.

In the World War II years, Mr. Cooper was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to a dollar-a-year post as chairman of the many war bond sales campaigns in the Portsmouth-Norfolk County area. He was also attorney for the local rationing board. He was also appointed chairman of a special Selective Service board in Portsmouth, which it was necessary to establish because of the large influx of defense workers of draft age. Governor Darden also appointed Mr. Cooper, during this period, to head a local campaign for army relief. He has served his city as a member of various boards active in the fund-raising drives of the Portsmouth Community Chest.

The sound professional preparation and the lofty ideals which have made Mr. Cooper an outstanding lawyer have also made him one of Tidewater Virginia's most valuable citizens.

At Portsmouth, on March 14, 1925, Clyde Warren Cooper married Margaret Chapman Wishart, a native of North Carolina and daughter of A. T. and Margaret (Chapman) Wishart, of Isle of Wight County. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper make their home at 5 Court Street, Portsmouth. Mr. Cooper's offices are in the Colony Theater Building.

JAMES WILLIAM BOLDING's role in the business affairs of Portsmouth is that of senior partner in one of the region's better-known investment firms, Bolding and Company, which has its offices in the Portsmouth Hotel Building on Dinwiddie Street. As successors to the firm of James W. Bolding, the present partnership was organized on November 1, 1954. Mr. Bolding's son is junior partner and accountant. The investment advisers hold membership in the Philadelphia-Baltimore Stock Exchange, and associate membership in the Boston Stock Exchange.

A native of Dublin, Texas, James W. Bolding was born on November 27, 1898, son of William G. and Mary Anne (Weatherby) Bolding. His father was a prominent wholesale grain merchant

of Comanche, Texas. James W. Bolding, Sr., received his education at Howard Payne College, St. John's College, and the American College of Life Underwriters. He came to Portsmouth in 1920, while on active duty in the United States Navy. Naval service was to comprise a considerable part of his career, and he was in uniform until 1932, when he was separated from the service and became active in the business life of the Tidewater Virginia area.

In the years which followed, he engaged in various business operations which included the Pennsylvania-Norfolk Tire Company. He founded this firm, which opened stores in Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Suffolk. He also headed the J. W. Bolding Coal Company, with coal yards in Cradock and Norfolk. These business interests Mr. Bolding sold just prior to this country's entry into World War II, when he was recalled to active service in the United States Navy. He served throughout the war and was again honorably discharged in 1945.

When he returned to peacetime pursuits and to the Lower Tidewater area, Mr. Bolding entered the life insurance field, as representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Portsmouth, and he later became general agent for the Franklin Life Insurance Company, with headquarters in the same city. Trained and experienced in administrative and legal procedures relating to investments and securities, he entered the investments business in 1947 in Portsmouth, operating his firm as James W. Bolding, Investment Broker. In October 1954, he became a member of the Philadelphia-Baltimore Stock Exchange. On November 1 of that year, he was joined by his son, James W., Jr., who has since been a partner in the firm which has been renamed Bolding and Company.

The organization, which has assets totaling nearly sixty thousand dollars, acts as agents in the purchase of stock exchange securities, United States Treasury and municipal bonds, utility and bank stocks. It provides custodianship and advisory service and makes appraisals and analyses to assure clients maximum benefits from investments. The firm holds membership in the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce as well as the Philadelphia-Baltimore Stock Exchange.

James W. Bolding, Sr., married Elizabeth Merriken, and they are the parents of three children: 1. James William, Jr., born at Portsmouth on September 9, 1921. He attended the public schools of Portsmouth and in 1946 graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy. He has also taken courses at the University of Georgia and is thoroughly trained in investment procedures and securities analysis. He began his career with his father, and they formed Bolding and Company in 1954. The younger James W. Bolding married,



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on June 8, 1946, Mary Elizabeth Danaher of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and they are the parents of four children: i. James William, III, born on October 13, 1948. ii. Evelyn Elizabeth, born November 7, 1949. iii. Martha Mary, born May 7, 1952. iv. Patrick Danaher, born April 7, 1954. 2. Donald B., born at Portsmouth on November 28, 1924. He graduated from Purdue University, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering, and is now a resident of Houston, Texas, where he is associated with Texas Foundries, Inc. On August 28, 1946, he married Margaretta Reeve, and they are the parents of: i. Sophie Elisa, born September 21, 1950. ii. Margaretta Reeve, born September 19, 1952. iii. Dona Elizabeth, born October 3, 1954. 3. Bruce Merriken, born at Portsmouth on October 8, 1931. He took his degree of Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering at Purdue University and is now with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation. He was married on September 10, 1955, to Patricia Ohlin.

MAJOR MCKINLEY HILLARD—Lawyer, former member of the General Assembly, and currently county clerk of Norfolk County, Major McKinley Hillard has in the course of his long record of public service proved himself an exceptionally able and conscientious professional man and public servant. Personal traits of friendliness, courtesy, and kindness, complementing his industry and high ideals, have earned him a place as a respected leader of community and county.

A native of Morgan County, Tennessee, he was born on October 23, 1896, son of Mandiville Erving and Clare Elizabeth (Rich) Hillard. Despite his birthplace outside the state, Mr. Hillard's parents spent the greater part of their lives in Norfolk County, and his father was active in lumber manufacturing operations and farming. From 1915 until his death in 1938, he served as justice of the peace. Major McKinley Hillard passed his boyhood in the Deep Creek section of Norfolk County, attended public schools there, and graduated from Deep Creek High School in 1915. Continuing his education at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, he graduated there with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1920 and went to the University of Richmond for his professional courses, taking his Bachelor of Laws degree there with the Class of 1926. In that year he was admitted to the Virginia State Bar.

Service in World War I had intervened during Mr. Hillard's student years. In 1918 he enlisted as a private in the United States Coast Artillery and was honorably discharged in November of that year, following the signing of the armistice.

At that time he was attending officers' training school.

Following his graduation from law school and admission to the bar in 1926, he began the private practice of law in Portsmouth and, in the course of the years since that time, has won wide recognition for his professional abilities, as well as for his public spirit.

Major M. Hillard first entered public life in 1927, when he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates from Norfolk County. He served as a member of the House during the regular sessions of 1928 and 1930 and also during the special session occurring between those years. In 1931 he was elected a member of the Virginia State Senate from the Third Senatorial District and served with distinction until his resignation in 1954, to accept appointment to his present position as county clerk of Norfolk County.

In his role in public affairs, Mr. Hillard has exercised a considerable influence at both the county and the state levels. During his years in the State Senate, he occupied a position of eminence and leadership. He was a member of many important committees, including the Roads and Internal Navigation Committee, the Agriculture, Mining, and Manufacturing Committee (both of which he served as chairman); the Fish and Game Committee, and the General Laws Committee.

Mr. Hillard is a member of the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association and Virginia State Bar Association. Apart from his professional connections, he holds membership in the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce; the Deep Creek Ruritan Club, Lodge No. 82, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Lodge No. 898, Loyal Order of Moose; and American Legion Post No. 37. He attends Deep Creek Baptist Church.

On November 26, 1921, Major McKinley Hillard was married at Deep Creek to Mary Frances Cherry of that place. They were the parents of three children: 1. Major McKinley, Jr., born August 28, 1922. He took his pre-law studies at the College of William and Mary and his legal training at the University of Richmond, thus paralleling the educational record of his father. He received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1949 and now practices at Portsmouth, with offices in the Colony Theater Building. Major M. Hillard, Jr., married Marion Tonkin of Portsmouth, and they are the parents of two children: i. Susan Jewett. ii. Major McKinley, III. 2. Merle Cherry, who is deceased. She married Philip Shaw of Portsmouth, and they had a son, David Hillard Shaw. 3. Irving Hillard, who died in infancy.

J. RIVES WORSHAM—President of the Old Dominion Peanut Corporation of Norfolk, J.

Rives Worsham is also an outstanding civic leader. He is a man of wide interests, both business and civic, and is highly esteemed in Norfolk. Possessing the qualities of foresight and progressiveness, he combines these traits with a humanitarian spirit which is much in evidence in his work with community projects and organizations.

Born at Petersburg, Virginia, on January 28, 1891, he is a son of Timothy W. and Evelyn (Blick) Worsham, both natives of Prince George County, Virginia. Both families, of English origin, attained prominence in colonial Virginia, and have provided the state with leadership each generation since. Timothy W. Worsham was among the pioneers in the peanut industry in Norfolk, where he was a partner in the United States Peanut Company and the Atlantic Peanut Company. He died in Norfolk in 1913 at the age of forty-nine. His wife, the former Evelyn Blick, continued to reside in Norfolk until her death in 1949. Both are buried in the historic Blanford Cemetery in Petersburg, Virginia. They became the parents of two children: 1. J. Rives. 2. Laura Evelyn, who married Allen J. Clay. He died in 1940.

J. Rives Worsham received his early education in Norfolk, and attended the old Norfolk High School. He continued his education at Randolph-Macon College, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Upsilon, and Tau Kappa Alpha fraternities. Following in the footsteps of his father, he began his career in the peanut industry. For a time he was employed by the Columbian Peanut Company, and was general manager of the Peanut Growers Association.

In 1924 he became secretary and treasurer of the Old Dominion Peanut Corporation, and continued in these positions until 1945, when he became president on the death of his partner. The corporation was founded in 1913, and manufactures candies as well as processing, packaging, and distributing peanuts. Many of its candies are made with peanuts, such as its peanut brittle and chocolate peanuts, and it also produces cocoanut candies and hard candies. The brand name these products carry is "Betteryet," by which they are favorably known to wholesale and retail outlets, and individual consumers, throughout the southern and eastern states. The company, which has enjoyed steady growth through the years, normally employs about seventy-five persons. In addition to Mr. Worsham, the president, the officials of the corporation are G. L. Dinsmore, vice president and secretary; J. Rives Worsham, Jr., vice president and treasurer; and Donald Underhill, office manager.

Besides this major business connection, Mr. Worsham is a director of the Southern Bank of

Norfolk and of the Bank of Norview. For his proven abilities in dealing with civic and public affairs, he has been honored with many positions of public trust. He is admired as a man of great vitality and qualities of leadership, and his help is always sought when there is a difficult task to be faced. He served on the Norfolk City Council from 1940 to 1948, and part of that time was vice mayor of the city. From 1948 to 1950 he was a member of the City Planning Commission. He is a member and chairman of the Norfolk Port Authority, member and past president of the Norfolk Central Young Men's Christian Association, and past director and presently national councillor of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member and past vice president of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. At the present time he is serving as chairman of the board of directors of the Norfolk General Hospital, which is now erecting a new nine-story building at a cost in excess of five million dollars. Mr. Worsham is also a member of the board of trustees of Randolph-Macon College, and serves on the board of the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges.

He is a member and past president of the Norfolk Rotary Club, and a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Princess Anne Country Club. He is a member and past chairman of the board of stewards of the Ghent Methodist Church. His hobby is civic service, and he has aided many worthwhile causes on a statewide as well as citywide basis.

At Richmond, Virginia, on October 3, 1914, J. Rives Worsham married Martha Wise Sutherland of Richmond, daughter of Irvin L. and Sallie (Wise) Sutherland, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Worsham is active in cultural affairs, her particular interest being the Virginia Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a member and past regent of Great Bridge Chapter of the organization, in Norfolk, and is also a member of the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, the Daughters of Colonial Wars, and the Ghent Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Worsham are the parents of two children: 1. J. Rives, Jr., born August 31, 1915, at Richmond. He graduated from Virginia Military Institute, taught at Augusta Military Academy, then entered Air Corps service in World War II. At the war's end he held the rank of major. Since returning to civilian status, he has been with the Old Dominion Peanut Corporation, and is now vice president and treasurer. He married Nancy Hudson Jones of Detroit, Michigan, and they are the parents of two children: i. James Rives Worsham, III. ii. Nancy Hudson Worsham. 2. Audrey Wise, born in Norfolk on December 31, 1920. She is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Women's

College, and is now the wife of Dr. David C. Whitehead, a physician practicing in Norfolk, Virginia. They are the parents of three children: i. Sallie Wise. ii. David Calloway. iii. Martha Wise Whitehead.

JOHN L. CARTER—A civil engineer by profession, who received his training at the University of Alabama, John L. Carter is president of the Carter Contracting Company, Inc., which has its headquarters at 106 West Olney Road in Norfolk. Its predecessor firm, Carter-Hassell Contracting Company, Inc., was founded in November 1946, by Mr. Carter in partnership with Thomas R. Hassell, Jr.; this firm was incorporated in October 1952. At that time Mr. Carter became its president, and Mr. Hassell vice president. Experiencing steady growth, the company took a prominent part in the general building operations of the Greater Norfolk area and Tidewater Virginia. At the time of its liquidation in 1957 there were one hundred people on its payroll, engaged in all types of construction operations—industrial, commercial, institutional, municipal and residential as well as government projects. It erected many important structures, including the Bolling Park Elementary School, Ocean View Elementary School, Mary Calcott Elementary School, Liberty Park Elementary School, Chesterfield Heights Elementary School addition; two additions to Granby High School; addition to the United States Naval Hospital at Portsmouth; United States Navy Sports and Recreation Center on Hampton Boulevard; Cape Charles Air Force Base Sports and Recreation Center; United States Army Guided Missile Station at Norfolk; Little Creek Naval Officers' Quarters comprising sixty units; Princess Anne County Clerk's Office Building; Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company supermarkets at Ocean View and Richmond. In 1951 the company completed in ninety days an immense project which involved the crating of seventy-six shiploads of equipment and materials used in establishing the Thule United States Air Force Base in Greenland. Carter-Hassell Contracting Company, Inc. was liquidated on January 1, 1957, and a new corporation formed in the name of Carter Contracting Company, Inc., which is continuing the same type of work that Carter-Hassell Contracting Company, was engaged in.

John L. Carter, former president of the Carter-Hassell Contracting Company, and now president of Carter Contracting Co., Inc., was born on October 18, 1913, at Scott, in Johnson County, Georgia, son of Marvin C. and Elizabeth (James) Carter. On his paternal side he is descended from an English family which settled in Virginia in early colonial times, and migrated to Georgia in the early antebellum period. John G. Carter, grandfather of

the construction executive, was a planter, and served in the Confederate States Army from Johnson County, Georgia. Marvin C. Carter was born in that county, and continues active as a farmer and civil engineer, now making his home in Scott, Georgia. His wife, the former Elizabeth James, who died in 1916, was descended from an early antebellum family who for many years lived near Macon, Georgia.

Receiving his early education in the public schools of Scott, John L. Carter graduated from Vidalia High School in Georgia in 1930. He attended the University of Georgia during the next academic year, majoring in forestry. From 1935 to 1942 he was with the Mobile District of the United States Corps of Engineers, and it was during this time, while engaged on a dam project on the Warrior River at Tuscaloosa, that he entered the University of Alabama to complete his education in civil engineering. By attending classes from eight in the morning to three in the afternoon, and continuing his work with the Corps of Engineers from four until midnight, he was able to continue his education. He graduated at the University of Alabama in the class of 1940, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and was licensed to practice as a professional engineer by the state of Alabama.

From 1942 to 1944 he was with Pan American Airways as office engineer, with headquarters at Recife, Brazil, engaged in establishing airfields in South America for the United States Government and Pan American and Panagra airlines. Returning to the United States in 1944, he continued his professional work as civil engineer at the United States Naval Air Station in Norfolk, continuing there until the close of the war. The following year, as indicated above, he became co-founder of his own firm, Carter-Hassell Contracting Company, which was later dissolved, his firm now being known as Carter Contracting Company, Inc.

Mr. Carter holds membership in the Associated General Contractors of America and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. His fraternity is Delta Tau Delta, and he is a member of Virginia Beach Lodge No. 274, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; John Walters Chapter No. 68, of the Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Norfolk, being a Thirty-second-degree Mason in Auld Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in that city. He is a member of the Cavalier Beach Club, Lafayette Yacht Club and the Virginia Beach Methodist Church. His favorite outdoor pastimes are fishing and hunting.

On May 23, 1933, at Savannah, Georgia, John L. Carter married Bernice Watkins, daughter of

William M. and Cordia (Hancock) Watkins of Brunswick, Georgia. Mrs. Carter is a graduate of the University of Alabama, from which she received the Bachelor of Arts degree, and she formerly taught in the public schools of Georgia and Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Carter are the parents of a daughter, Lynn Bernice, who was born at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on November 14, 1940. The family resides at 111 Eighty-eighth Street, Virginia Beach.

WILLIAM J. MISSETT—From the beginning of his career, William J. Missett has been a newspaper man. He has worked at his profession both north and south of Mason and Dixon's Line and came to Suffolk in 1943 to serve as editor and publisher of the "News-Herald."

Born at Carbondale, Pennsylvania, on November 3, 1911, he is a son of William S. and Gertrude V. (Hennigan) Missett. Both parents are still living, and his father is a retired railroadman. Attending the public elementary schools of Carbondale and graduating from high school there in 1929, William J. Missett entered Saint Thomas College at Scranton, Pennsylvania, for his advanced studies. There he graduated in 1933 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He began his work in the newspaper field at Scranton, joining the staff of the "Republican" of that city in 1934 and leaving in 1936 to accept a position with the Oswego "Palladium-Times."

In April 1941, he moved to West Virginia, where he became identified with the Beckley Newspaper Corporation at Beckley. He worked for that news publishing firm in responsible capacities through December 1942 and on January 3, 1943, began his duties with the Suffolk "News-Herald." In addition to being editor and publisher of the paper, he holds the office of president of the publishing company. The "News-Herald" is successor to the old Suffolk "Herald," which was a weekly paper. It has been continuously published as a daily since March 1923.

Active in the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Missett formerly served as its president. He is a member of the Rotary Club and a communicant of Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His favorite outdoor pastime is boating.

At Archbald, Pennsylvania, in 1938 William J. Missett married Kathryn McAndrew of that city, daughter of James T. and Kathryn (Moyle) McAndrew. Mr. and Mrs. Missett are the parents of the following children: 1. William, Jr. 2. Thomas F. 3. James A. 4. John B. 5. Mary Kathryn.

NORBORNE TUCKER POARCH—For nearly forty years, Norborne Tucker Poarch has been

identified with the lumber industry in its various phases. His entire career has been spent with the Camp Manufacturing Company, and he has played an important part in the company's logging operations, and in shaping its policies on timber conservation in Tidewater Virginia. The firm has its headquarters at Franklin, and Mr. Poarch is its area manager at Whaleyville. There he has demonstrated a large degree of civic spirit, and has been prominently identified with the public affairs of Nansemond County.

Mr. Poarch was born near Lawrenceville, Virginia, on August 27, 1898, son of the late John Henry and Annie Elizabeth (Davis) Poarch. His father operated a general store in Brunswick County, Virginia, for many years prior to his death in 1931, at the age of seventy-three. He was a son of Peter L. Poarch of Brunswick County, who was an extensive planter and a slaveholder, and who served the Confederate cause by furnishing supplies for the Confederate States Army. Annie Elizabeth (Davis) Poarch was a native of Brunswick County and daughter of Robert E. Davis, a planter who also served the Confederate forces in the commissary department. Mrs. Poarch died in 1905.

One of eight children born to his parents, Norborne Tucker Poarch passed his boyhood years in Brunswick County and received his education in the public schools there. In April 1917, he began his long connection with the Camp Manufacturing Company as foreman of logging operations in Brunswick County. With his excellent background of experience in the various phases of logging operations, he assumed increasing responsibilities in the large-scale activities which the company has long been carrying on in the Tidewater area. Since May 1925, he has resided in Nansemond County, and as area manager, he directs the firm's operations both in this part of the Tidewater region and in eastern North Carolina. Besides supervising logging operations, he has also had charge of tree conservation practices, including those on the vast tree-farm holdings of the company.

Since 1935, Mr. Poarch and his family have made their home on White Marsh Road, one mile southeast of Suffolk. That city is the center of a vast timberlands area comprising nearly forty thousand acres of the Great Dismal Swamp.

Always constructively interested in the cause of conservation in relation to forest products and tree-farm operations, he has for a number of years been an active member of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association. He is also active in the life of his community. He serves on the board of directors of the Bank of Whaleyville, which is the subject of a sketch in this history. He is now

serving his third term as a member of the Nansemond County board of supervisors from the Cypress District. From 1935 to 1942 he served as deputy sheriff of Nansemond County. He is a member of Welcome Lodge of the Knights of Pythias in Suffolk, Norfolk Lodge No. 128 of D. O. K. K., and the Cypress Ruritan Club.

As an active member of West End Baptist Church of Suffolk, Mr. Poarch served as a member of its board of deacons from 1949 to 1955. He is past president of the Progressive Men's Bible Class, and is a member of the church finance committee.

On December 18, 1919, at Weldon, in Halifax County, North Carolina, Norborne Tucker Poarch married Elma Louise Bowen of Brunswick County, Virginia, daughter of Peter Y. and Irene (Tatem) Bowen. Both of her parents were also natives of Brunswick County, and both are now deceased. Like her husband, Mrs. Poarch is an earnest worker in the West End Baptist Church. She is chairman of the Nansemond County Home Demonstration Club. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Frances Elizabeth, who was born on April 9, 1921. She took her degree of Bachelor of Arts at the College of William and Mary in Blacksburg, and she formerly taught in the public schools of Norfolk and Nansemond County. She is now married to Jesse Darden Langston of that county, who is a veteran of naval service in World War II and now a partner in the Langston and Conley Grocery Company at Whaleyville. They are the parents of two children: Nancy Low and Jesse Darden Langston, Jr. 2. Norborne Tucker, Jr., born January 5, 1925. He is a graduate of Suffolk High School and a veteran of World War II, having served with the Third Army under General George S. Patton in the European theater. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He is now a partner in the Langston and Conley Grocery Company of Whaleyville, and is also engaged in logging operations. He married Margaret Wilkins of Suffolk, and they are the parents of two children: Norborne Tucker, III, and Judith Wilkins Poarch.

MARION TIMOTHY PLYLER, JR., M.D.—

By the high calibre of his professional service and his constructive efforts as a citizen, Dr. Marion Timothy Plyler, Jr., has earned the confidence and respect of the residents of Whaleyville and his county. He has centered his practice there since 1940, and while he has conducted a general practice of medicine, he has devoted particular attention to diseases of the lungs and thoracic diagnosis.

Dr. Plyler was born August 4, 1909, in Washington, North Carolina, son of Dr. Marion Timothy, Sr., and Epie Duncan (Smith) Plyler. His father's

degree was that of Doctor of Divinity, and he was a Methodist clergyman. The Plylers are of German descent, and their forebears who first arrived in this country settled in Pennsylvania. They moved to North Carolina, however, before the Revolution. The grandfather of the Whaleyville physician and surgeon was Robert Conrad Plyler, a planter, who married Sarah Kimball. Their son, Marion T. Plyler, Sr., D.D., was born September 14, 1867, in Iredell County, North Carolina. He received his degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Trinity College and also took a Master of Arts degree at the University of North Carolina. His degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred by Duke University. He served several pastorates in North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, and from 1927 until his death on March 24, 1954, he was editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. During that period he made his home at Durham. He was a distinguished scholar and the author of several books. His wife, the former Epie Duncan Smith, was born in Gates County, North Carolina, and died at Durham on January 28, 1956. She was a daughter of LeRoy Lee and Eliza (Norfleet) Smith. Her father was a lawyer and a planter of Gatesville, North Carolina, who served several terms in the State Legislature and was a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions of 1912 and 1916, when Woodrow Wilson was nominated. His wife, the former Eliza Norfleet, was descended from families resident in Virginia and North Carolina from colonial times.

Marion T. Plyler, D.D., and Epie Duncan (Smith) Plyler became the parents of nine children, of whom two died in infancy. Dr. Marion T. Plyler, Jr., was fifth in order of birth. He passed his boyhood in several localities in which his father held pastorates, and in 1926 graduated from high school in Raleigh, North Carolina. He then entered North Carolina State College and followed a one-year premedical course there with three years at Duke University, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1930. He continued his professional studies at Duke University Medical School, where he graduated in 1934 and received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then interned at the North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium at McCain, North Carolina, for one year and spent a second year's internship at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in Norfolk. He then concluded still another year as intern at North Carolina Sanatorium. With this excellent background of professional preparation, Dr. Plyler began his career with the North Carolina State Board of Health, in the Division of Industrial Hygiene and Diseases of the Chest.

After a year in the service of the state, he began private practice at Nashville, North Carolina, in

1937, and remained there until May 1940. Since that time he has centered his practice in Whaleyville, rendering skilled professional service to a large circle of patients, his practice extending over much of Nansemond County and into adjacent Gates County, North Carolina.

Always uppermost in Dr. Plyler's program of living is his profession. He is a deep student of medicine, a fact which has won him wide recognition in his specialty, diseases of the chest and thorax. In 1952 he completed a postgraduate course in this field at Duke University and is a member of the American College of Chest Physicians.

On May 1, 1955, Dr. A. McRay Jones of Norfolk joined Dr. Plyler in practice. Dr. Jones received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Medical College of the University of Virginia in 1952 and interned at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in Norfolk. On April 1, 1956, the two physicians opened a modern and well-equipped clinic at Whaleyville. This was constructed primarily to give the community the latest and most efficient medical services, which it had previously lacked. The completely air-conditioned building of ten rooms has x-ray equipment, a fully equipped laboratory, and full examination and pharmaceutical facilities.

Dr. Plyler also serves on the staff of Obici Memorial Hospital at Suffolk. He is a member of the Tri-County Medical Society, the Virginia State Medical Society, the Seaboard Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and the American Trudeau Society, which is devoted to the study and control of tuberculosis. His medical fraternity is Phi Chi.

The physician has long taken an interest in civic affairs. While a resident of Nashville, North Carolina, he served as president of its Lions Club in 1939. A member of the Ruritan Club of Whaleyville, he was its president in 1950. For the past eight years he has served on the Nansemond County school board. He is a member of the board of stewards and the board of trustees of the Methodist Church at Whaleyville.

On July 31, 1937, Dr. Marion Timothy Plyler, Jr., married Alma Odell Blanchard, a native of Gates County, North Carolina, and daughter of James P. and Pauline (Eure) Blanchard. Mrs. Plyler is a graduate of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, from which she received her degree of Bachelor of Arts with the Class of 1930. She formerly taught in the public schools of Greensboro, for five years, and in the schools of Ahoskie, North Carolina, for two years, the profession of teaching occupying the years between her graduation and her marriage. She is a member of the Methodist Church at Whaleyville and the Women's Club of Suffolk, and she serves on the

Women's Auxiliary of the Obici Memorial Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Plyler are the parents of two children: 1. Marion Timothy, III, who was born on April 23, 1938. He is now attending Hargrave Military School at Staunton, Virginia. 2. Martha Blanchard, who was born November 11, 1943. She is now a student at Whaleyville Junior High School. When time allows, Dr. Plyler enjoys the outdoor sports of fishing and hunting.

PAUL DeYOE WOODWARD—A man whose tangible contributions to Norfolk and Virginia as a whole may be measured by the millions of dollars, Paul DeYoe Woodward has also made, through the science of architecture, a contribution to the beauty and progress of the city which cannot so easily be measured. Although still a young man by the standard of his profession, he has won a distinctive place in its ranks. He has served as president of the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and has to his credit a long list of structures which he has designed either as an individual architect, or in association with Oliver and Smith of Norfolk. His talents and achievements have won him national recognition. His work has been characterized by a variety of styles and dominated by no one school of architecture. Always he has placed utility and fitness for a specific purpose as first considerations, and perhaps for this very reason, esthetic beauty has also identified his work.

Born on December 13, 1917, in Norfolk, he is a son of Edward N. and Laura (DeYoe) Woodward. His father was born at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, of English descent. His forebears had lived in Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, from colonial times. A civil engineer by profession, Edward N. Woodward came to Norfolk as a construction engineer to direct the building of the Lone Star Cement Corporation's plant in the southern part of the city. He died at Chuckatuck, Virginia, in 1949. In the maternal line, Laura (DeYoe) Woodward, the mother of Paul D. Woodward, is of French descent, her forebears having settled in New York State at an early period. She continues to maintain the Woodward family home at Chuckatuck. In his mother's family, many members in recurrent generations have been prominent in the building and contracting fields.

The second of four children born to his parents, Paul D. Woodward passed his boyhood in the village of Chuckatuck, and graduated from Suffolk High School in 1935. He then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, and graduated there with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 1940. He continued his studies



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at the University of Pennsylvania Post-Graduate School of Architecture, and prior to entering military service for duty in World War II, was employed as a draftsman in the firm of Williams, Coile and Pipino, Architects, of Newport News.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry in 1942, he served four years, spending most of that time in combat service in the European Theater of Operations. He was separated from the service in 1946, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He had participated in the North African campaign with the Second Corps Combat Team, attached to the Fifth Army, and later he participated in the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, pushing up the Italian peninsula with the Fifth Army troops to the Brenner Pass on the Italian-Austrian frontier and into Austria before the war's end. He was wounded three times, and was awarded the Purple Heart and two oak-leaf clusters. His other military decorations included the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with one cluster, awarded for meritorious service in ground operations against the enemy.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Woodward left his distinguished record of military service behind him and took up the profession for which he had prepared himself. From 1946 to 1948 he was associated with the architectural firm of Joseph H. Saunder, of Washington, D. C. He came to Norfolk in 1948, and there formed his own architectural firm. Since entering private practice as Paul D. Woodward, Architect, he has received many important commissions, involving millions of dollars in construction costs. The list includes a wide variety of structures—commercial buildings, warehouses, industrial plants, schools and other institutional structures, municipal buildings, apartments and housing projects, churches, and residential construction throughout the Southeast from Virginia to Florida. The following are specific examples from these various types of building designs which have come from his boards. Commercial projects: Alexandria Motors, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; Blair Motor Company, Suffolk; Smith and Welton's Specialty Shop, Norfolk; Shopping Center, Norfolk; Bay-side Shopping Center, Princess Anne; Broadway Department Store, Newport News; Lerner Shops, Inc., Norfolk. Warehouses and industrial: Comico Products plant; Alexandria Dairy plant; Geophysical Instrument plant; Security Van and Storage warehouse; Eberwine Brothers' canning plant; Soil-tone fertilizer plant; office and shop building for the Rural Electrification Administration; United Foods warehouse, Jacksonville, Florida; coal loading facilities for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Newport News. The churches and schools he has designed have included: Church of Galilee,

Virginia Beach; Meadowbrook Elementary School, Norfolk; Baptist Temple Church, Alexandria, Virginia; St. Clements Church in that city; Mount Zion Church, Berkley, Virginia. Institutional and municipal construction: Isle of Wight Courthouse; and the Tri-County Health Center, and Sewage Treatment Plant, both at Jacksonville, Florida. Apartments and housing: Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority projects to a value of one million six hundred and seventy thousand dollars; Federal Housing Administration projects totaling two million dollars; other such projects at Nansemond totaling two hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars. He has planned residential construction in Virginia and Florida totaling four and a half million dollars in value.

In addition to conducting a private practice, Mr. Woodward has been, since 1950, a member of the firm of Woodward, Oliver and Smith, who operate jointly an architectural organization specializing in military installations. In this connection, he has designed numerous projects, valued at many millions of dollars. These have included the following structures: construction at Fort Eustis, for the United States Army, of twenty barracks, regimental headquarters, warehouses and motor pools; Naval Amphibious Base at Little Creek, Virginia (barracks, ammunition building, Beach Group administration building, operations building, signal tower, landing craft administration building, utility building, incinerator plant, parking areas, athletic field, etc.); and construction at Naval Ammunition Depot, Portsmouth, which included ammunition quality evaluation laboratory, fire station building, truckweighing station, and railroad- and waterfront work.

As an architect, Mr. Woodward is a member and director of the Virginia Chapter, American Institute of Architects, and served as its president in 1955. He is also a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, the National Association of Home Builders, and, in his own city, the Chamber of Commerce. He attends the Episcopal Church. He retains his rank of lieutenant colonel in the Reserve Corps, United States Army, and is presently serving as commandant of the Norfolk Reserve Officers School. His artistic talents extend to landscape painting.

On February 5, 1942, at Suffolk, Paul D. Woodward married Evelyn Eberwine of that city, daughter of Vernon G. and Gladys (Windsor) Eberwine. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward have two children: Roger Paul and Susan Woodward.

JOHN KENDRICK HUTTON—One of Suffolk's veteran attorneys, John Kendrick Hutton practiced there from 1912 to 1940. Since 1940 he

has been serving as judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, with jurisdiction comprising Nansemond and Southampton counties and the city of Suffolk.

Born at Bristol on April 3, 1888, he is a son of Alson and Margaret (Kendrick) Hutton, and grandson of Robert and Steel (Edmundson) Hutton, both natives of Washington County, Virginia, where they spent their entire lives. Robert Hutton was a farmer. His son Alson was born in Washington County and graduated from Emory and Henry College, later receiving his degree of Master of Arts at the University of Virginia. He became an educator, being on the staff of Southwest Virginia Institute (now Virginia Intermont College) in various capacities. He served as superintendent of schools and civil engineer at Bristol.

In the public schools of that city, Judge Hutton began his education, and he also attended his father's school in Russell County. He later matriculated at Richmond College, taking the classical course there. He received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1908, while also completing one year's study in the law school. He took his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1911, having in the meantime taken one year's work in the law school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and having also taught at Hargrave Military Academy, Chat-ham, Virginia, during the first year of the school's existence. While completing his law course, he taught for a year in Richmond Academy.

On January 1, 1912, he was admitted to the bar and established his home in Suffolk and commenced practice in association with S. E. Everett, who was Commonwealth's Attorney for some time. They continued their professional connection for five years, and in 1917 Mr. Hutton joined another partner, Job R. Saunders, in forming the firm of Saunders and Hutton. Together they continued practice until 1940.

Meantime, in 1933, John K. Hutton was elected by the city council to the position of city attorney for the City of Suffolk. He has been a loyal member of the Democratic party since he reached voting age, and during the presidential campaign of 1936, was chosen elector from the Second District. In the late 1930s he served as chairman of the Democratic Committee in the City of Suffolk.

In 1940, Mr. Hutton was elected by the Virginia General Assembly to the office of judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, to succeed James L. McLemore. He has occupied the bench to the present time, and has distinguished himself in his court duties, demonstrating a very sound knowledge of the law, coupled with fairmindedness and a thorough understanding of people.

He is an honorary member of the Virginia State Bar Association and the Suffolk-Nansemond Coun-

ty Bar Association. He has served on the boards of directors of the local Chamber of Commerce and the Suffolk School Board, and was the first president of the Lions Club in Suffolk. A communicant of the West End Baptist Church, he has served on its official board.

Judge Hutton has been married twice. His first wife was Delha Miller Dudley, who died in February 1940. Of this marriage there are two daughters: Margaret E. (Mrs. G. B. Hume) and Jean (Mrs. J. C. Lentz). In 1941 he married Margaret Trotman of Suffolk, daughter of E. Pelham and Mary (Butler) Trotman. By this second marriage he is the father of two children: John K., Jr., born September 18, 1942, and Mary Pelham, born February 20, 1950.

WILLIAM W. McCLANAN, JR., has been active in the management of several of Virginia Beach's business organizations. One of the organizers of Radio Station WBOF, he is now treasurer of Virginia Beach Broadcasting Corporation and the Virginian Television Corporation. He has likewise held office in local municipal and organizational connections.

A native of Virginia Beach, he was born on April 25, 1914, and is a son of William Walter, Sr., and Ora Virginia (Land) McClanan. Both parents were born in Princess Anne County and both are now deceased. In association with others, the elder William W. McClanan built and operated the first wholesale and retail ice plant in Virginia Beach, under the name of Virginia Beach Ice Company. It was also he who with others, was responsible for the construction of the Methodist Church in that community in 1913.

The younger William W. McClanan attended the public schools of Virginia Beach and was a student at Oceana High School in Princess Anne County from 1928 to 1932. From 1933 to 1935 he attended Emory and Henry College at Emory, Virginia.

Mr. McClanan was employed by the Virginia Beach Ice Company from June 1935, until December 1936. He worked temporarily for the Town of Virginia Beach until May 7, 1937, at which time he opened a dry cleaning and laundry business known as the Atlantic Cleaners and Laundry Service. He has operated this business continuously to the present time, and over the years has expanded it to cover all services connected with the industry, including fur storage and rug cleaning. He fills the offices of secretary and treasurer of the corporation.

In 1945, he became a charter member of the board of directors of the Bank of Virginia Beach, and still serves in this capacity. He is currently

president of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Dry Cleaning and Laundry Association. In 1954, Mr. McClanan participated in the organization of Radio Station WBOF at Virginia Beach, and has been a member of its board of directors since its beginning. He is now its treasurer, and also treasurer of Virginian Television Corporation, and of the Virginia Beach Broadcasting Corporation.

Since 1946, the dry cleaning and broadcasting executive has been a member of the Virginia Beach city council. He was president of the Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce from 1949 to 1952, and president of the Virginia Beach Sports Club from 1950 to 1953. He was a member of the Rotary Club from 1939 to 1954, and has been a member of the Princess Anne Country Club since 1943. From 1952 to 1954 he was director and general chairman of the Virginia Beach Open Golf Tournament. A devoted and active communicant of the First Presbyterian Church, he was president of the Edward M. Bardy Bible Class during 1948-1949.

At Blountville Tennessee, on May 28, 1935, William W. McClanan, Jr., married Elizabeth Porterfield of Glade Spring, Virginia, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Miller) Porterfield. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Susan Russell, born March 13, 1938. 2. William Walter, born February 26, 1943.

OTTO NORFLEET BALLANCE—Founded early in the nation's worst depression to meet major economic and social needs in Tidewater life, and since then guided by some of the nation's ablest financiers, The Southern Bank of Norfolk is today one of the South's strongest financial institutions and a major factor in the community and state it serves. Associated with the bank since it opened its doors for business on September 12, 1932, and for more than a year with its predecessor, the Southern Savings and Finance Company, Otto Norfleet Ballance is now its executive vice president, a member of its board of directors and a permanent member of its executive committee. He is also vice president and a director of the Bank of Norview, Bank of Norview Building, Inc., and Bank of Cradock and is a familiar figure in many phases of life in the Norfolk-Portsmouth area. Some of his hobbies, notably public speaking, have contributed to his reputation.

Born in Norfolk on February 20, 1912, Mr. Ballance is the son of the late Joseph S. and Janie N. Ballance. His father was a native of Currituck, North Carolina, his mother of Suffolk, Virginia. The former, associated with the Norfolk and Western Railway for forty-eight years, was a foreman at Lambert's Point at the time of his death on May 5, 1953, at the age of eighty-three. The mother

died on April 3, 1954, at the age of sixty-six.

Otto N. Ballance received all his early education in Norfolk. In 1930, he was graduated from Maury High School. Later he spent two years in study, by correspondence, with the Blackstone Institute of Chicago, Illinois, majoring in law, and, subsequently, specialized for his present field by study with the American Institute of Banking, taking such courses as commercial law, negotiable instruments and analyzing financial statements.

Mr. Ballance, a World War II veteran, served two "hitches" with the armed forces. He enlisted for a three-year period in the Virginia National Guard in 1929 and served through 1931, attached to the 111th Field Artillery, 29th Division. In 1943, he took a leave of absence from the bank to serve in the United States Infantry. He was with the famed Third Army overseas, serving in England, France and Germany and participating in five major campaigns—Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He received his honorable discharge after the German surrender in 1945. Today he is active in Norfolk Post No. 3160, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Ballance was still with the Virginia National Guard when he began his financial career. In 1930 he went to work for the Morris Plan Bank in Norfolk, an institution now known as the Bank of Virginia. In 1931, he resigned from that post to accept appointment to the staff of what was then called the Southern Savings and Finance Company, but which, on September 12, 1932, was chartered as the Southern Bank of Norfolk. He has been with that institution ever since and has made an acknowledged contribution to its growth and strength and thereby the entire Tidewater area.

It was in 1936 that Mr. Ballance took his first important step upward in the banking organization. Elected assistant cashier that year, he was later in the same year assigned to duty as manager of the bank's Ocean View Branch.

In 1943, just before he took his military leave, Mr. Ballance was elected an assistant vice president, but he remained as manager of the Ocean View Branch, the post to which he returned upon leaving the armed forces in 1945. Four years later he was elected vice president and transferred to the bank's main office and the following year, 1950, was elevated to the executive vice presidency. Also in 1950 Mr. Ballance was elected a member of the bank's board of directors.

In 1953 Mr. Ballance was named vice president and a director of both the newly-organized Bank of Norview and its estate holding corporation, the Bank of Norview Building, Inc. Then, in 1955, an additional office was bestowed upon him: the vice presidency and membership on the board of

directors of the newly-organized Bank of Cradock, Cradock-Portsmouth.

Mr. Ballance's banking experience has covered virtually all phases of banking. It began with his service as depositor's ledger bookkeeper (individual, commercial and savings) and continued with work as paying and receiving teller, note teller, collection teller, general ledger bookkeeping, auditing, branch management, personnel management, loans (personal, commercial, consumer credit, F.H.A.-Title I, real estate, automobile and general collateral); experience in presiding over executive committee and board of director meetings in the absence of the president and chairman of the board; and, in addition to his present general responsibilities, assignment to duties as operations and personnel officer for the bank's main offices and six branches.

In the community at large, Mr. Ballance has been a member of the Lions Club of Ocean View since 1936 and has served that club as president two terms. He is now an International Counsellor of the International Association of Lions Clubs. Also, he is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Virginia Club, American Institute of Banking and Personnel Executives Club, in addition to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His hobbies and recreations include public speaking, law, audit controls, personnel relations, golf, baseball, football, horse-back riding and basketball.

Mr. Ballance married, in Norfolk on October 27, 1933, Ruth Merritt. They have one daughter, Mary Sue, born in Norfolk in 1943. Their home is at 9329 Buckman Avenue, Norfolk.

WILLIAM JOSEPH STORY, JR.—Since 1949, William Joseph Story, Jr., has capably served as superintendent of schools at South Norfolk. Born in Courtland, Southampton County, on December 28, 1909, he is a son of William Joseph and Lena L. (Rudisil) Story. His father, also a native of Southampton County, was descended from colonial families of Virginia. He was prominent in the affairs of Courtland, and for a time was cashier of a bank. He also engaged in the real estate business, and served for some years as postmaster of Courtland. He died there on August 1, 1952. His wife survives him and still lives in that city.

One of seven children, William J. Story, Jr., graduated from Courtland High School in 1926. He attended the College of William and Mary, Atlantic University, and Elon College, and in June 1934, received his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Elon, which is in North Carolina.

He began his career as educator in the capacity

of assistant principal of Bassett High School in Henry County, and continued there from September 1934, to June 1936. He then joined the faculty of Cradock High School in Norfolk County, and served until June 1939, as English teacher and football coach. His next appointment took him to Granby High School in Norfolk, where he taught history and coached football until June 1944. He was then named assistant principal of the school, and continued in that capacity, and as football coach, until March 1946. Thereafter until June 1948, Mr. Story served as head football coach at Davidson College in North Carolina.

He returned to Norfolk in September 1948, and during the next academic year, served as assistant principal at Maury High School. He had meantime been taking advanced courses at the College of William and Mary, and received his degree of Master of Education there in June 1949. The following month he was appointed superintendent of schools at South Norfolk, and has held that position since. At the time he became superintendent, the enrollment of students in the elementary and high schools of South Norfolk stood at sixteen hundred; but the community is a rapidly growing one, and with the annexation of Portlock and Riverdale more than doubling the population, Mr. Story had to provide adequate school facilities for forty-six hundred pupils, the 1956 enrollment. A program formulated in 1949 by the school board and city leaders set afoot building projects commensurate with the needs of the growing city. In 1955, the Oscar Frommel Smith High School was completed, one of the most modern in the state. The George Washington Carver High School had been erected in 1953, and it too is an outstanding example of modern architecture and efficient design. In addition to these schools, there are six elementary schools and the South Norfolk Junior High School under Mr. Story's supervision, and on their combined teaching staffs are one hundred and ninety-seven teachers. The South Norfolk school system is today recognized as one of the most modern and efficient in the state. In the administration of Mr. Story have arisen the problems stemming from the Supreme Court decision calling for the desegregation of schools, and he has brought clear-headed and dispassionate leadership into a troubled situation.

Mr. Story is a member of the National Education Association and the Virginia State Education Association. In 1952 he was vice president of the Virginia Superintendents Association, and is active in the South Norfolk Education Association. He is vitally interested in youth work even apart from his teaching and administrative duties, and formerly served on the board of directors of the Boys Club of Norfolk. As a former coach, he retains



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his interest in competitive outdoor sports—football, basketball and baseball—and he is also fond of swimming.

On June 12, 1937, in Portsmouth, William J. Story, Jr., married Louise Woodhouse, daughter of Kenneth B. and Grace (Hudgins) Woodhouse of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Story are the parents of two children: 1. William Joseph, III, born March 4, 1938. He is a graduate of Oscar Frommel Smith High School, where he was active in athletics and a member of the football team. 2. Chandler Woodhouse, born June 1, 1944.

ROBERT DRAUGHON WILSON—Chartered by the Commonwealth of Virginia in July 1952, the Tidewater Plywood Corporation of Norfolk has, in an amazingly brief period, moved into a foremost position among firms in its field in the Southeastern States. Its founder, president and treasurer is Robert Draughon Wilson, who has had a long and varied career in this field and who is well known not only in his business and the construction industry in general but also in the civic and religious life of the Lower Tidewater. His is a well known name among those of the Quaker faith in the Old Dominion.

Mr. Wilson was born at High Point, North Carolina, on March 22, 1919, the son of the late L. Floyd Wilson and of Mattie (Draughon) Wilson of High Point. His father, who died in 1951, was for many years associated with the Beeson Hardware Company of High Point. He was a son of Jesse Clark Wilson, schoolmaster of the Providence Quaker School of Randolph County, North Carolina, whose ancestors were Quakers of Dutch and Scotch-Irish extraction who settled in the Tarheel State in colonial times. One of the three sons born to L. Floyd and Mattie (Draughon) Wilson, the president of the Tidewater Plywood Corporation spent his boyhood at High Point. He was graduated from the High Point High School in 1936 and then entered Guilford College in North Carolina. He was graduated from this institution in 1940 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

Mr. Wilson's first position, which was with the Carborundum Corporation, gave him ample opportunity to test the academic preparation he had obtained for the business world. He spent eighteen months in the corporation's automotive products division. His next position, that of traveling representative for the Ohio Knife Company of Cincinnati, provided him with his initial experience in the plywood field and hence furthered his preparation for successful operation in that field. His work required that he call on veneer and plywood manufacturers and paper mills in the eastern part

of the United States and Canada. When he left the knife company, he became a field representative for the Associated Plywood Mills, Inc., of Eugene, Oregon, with headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina. Later he joined the staff of the United States Plywood Corporation of Knoxville, Tennessee. He resigned from that firm to form his own enterprise, the Tidewater Plywood Corporation, in Norfolk.

Since it began operations in July 1952, the firm, as wholesale distributors of fir plywood—both decorative and structural—hardwood plywood; hardwood plywood wall paneling ("Panawall"); laminated flooring ("Parkay"); high-pressure plastic laminate ("Nevamar"); prefinished wallboard paneling ("Marlite"); glue, mouldings and insulation products ("Celotex") and cedar shingles, has made an acknowledged contribution to its industry and the construction business.

Its charter authorized a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. The original officers were Robert D. Wilson, president and treasurer; Mattie D. Wilson, vice president, and John G. Frazier, Jr., secretary. H. C. Warick, who serves as sales manager, joined the company in November 1952. He was formerly with The Southern States Iron and Roofing Company, a wholesale building materials firm. In December 1952, the company purchased the inventory of the Norfolk branch of the Dixie Plywood Company, whose headquarters are in Savannah, Georgia. This firm was consolidating its units and was joining the Norfolk unit with that in Atlanta. Sales and operations of the Tidewater Plywood Corporation were made from the Dixie location on Forty-sixth Street, Norfolk, until January 1, 1953, when Tidewater moved into its new building at Argonne Avenue Extension and the Virginia Railway right-of-way. The new building was occupied under lease arrangements. Available were two four thousand foot-square sections, adjoining each other, to be used for office and warehouse.

The ensuing months of the first year were spent in an aggressive effort to become established with the dealers and other customers in the area and in making contacts with supplying mills on the West Coast. Efforts were successful and the company produced a profit the first year, despite the usual first-year obstacles. The most significant fact of the first year of operation was that the company had in that year become the largest wholesaler of plywood in the Tidewater area of Virginia.

Progress in sales and profits continued in the second year, though there were unusual market conditions, punctuated by price wars and by strikes.

In the third year of operation, the company had become a smooth-working operation with an experienced staff. Delivery demands were of such nature as to require four trucks as compared to the one used piece of equipment used in the first year. Sales continued to rise and demands on the company for its products were greater than could be housed in the quarters then in use and previously considered plans for a new and larger warehouse facility were put into action. In that year, the authorized capital stock was increased from one hundred thousand to three hundred thousand dollars.

In April 1956, as part of its expansion program, the company moved to its new modern warehouse and office on its own site of three and one-half acres at 3563 Argonne Avenue. It is described as the most functional warehouse and office in the wholesale building materials field in Eastern Virginia. It is located at an easily accessible point adjacent to the Virginia Railway and is centralized for the trading area of Norfolk. The plant is of concrete block and brick construction, with seventeen thousand five hundred square feet of open warehouse storage free of posts or columns. The building is platform, or freight-car, level, with more than two hundred lineal feet of platform for receiving and discharging materials. Three freight cars can be placed alongside the building at the rail siding, while four trucks can be loaded out at the same time from the front platform. A concrete ramp is provided for "drive-in" ease of trucks. Office and display space is attractively furnished in plywood paneling, thus contributing to the sales promotion of the company's products. Driveways and parking areas are large and are paved for complete utilization in all weather conditions.

By gearing its local plywood promotion to national manufacturers' advertising, furnishing sales aids and literature and actively participating in home shows in Norfolk, Mr. Wilson's company, as a wholesale distributor, is helping its retail outlets generate sales leads in the entire Tidewater. Periodically the company arranges meetings with individual dealers and their sales organizations. The company also stages "Do-it-Yourself" shows and other aggressive promotional programs which reach the dealer, home owner and architect. More than ninety-five percent of material sold is ultimately used in residential and commercial construction. Using plywood as a nucleus around which a large group of allied building products are sold, the firm has forged to the top in its field in an extraordinarily short period.

In addition to warehousing and distributing plywood and allied products, the Tidewater Plywood Corporation serves as a wholesale broker for di-

rect car-lot factory-to-customer shipments. Sales are made to recognized lumber and building materials dealers, hobby shops, cabinet shops, furniture and fixture manufacturers, home prefabrication firms and to large-scale contractors established by volume purchase as wholesale buyers.

As head of this large operation, Robert D. Wilson has become widely known both in his field of business and in his community. Through his firm he is a member of the Tidewater Chapter of the National Home Builders Association and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Virginia Beach, the Princess Anne Country Club, the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club, the Virginia Breakfast Club (a division of International Christian Leadership) and other organizations. He is active in the Virginia Beach Friends (Quaker) Meeting House and is interested in all out-door sports, particularly boating, golf, swimming and football. His home is on Pinewood Road, Virginia Beach.

On June 28, 1941, at Woodland, North Carolina, Mr. Wilson married Helen Louise Brown, daughter of David H. and Christine (Frazier) Brown of that community. Mrs. Wilson's father, a business man and farmer at Woodland, and her mother are members of the Quaker faith. Mrs. Wilson attended Guilford College. She is a recorded minister in the Quaker faith, and is a member of the Junior League in Norfolk. She and her husband have two children: 1. Robert Draughon, Jr., born on September 3, 1943. 2. Diane Clark, born on July 30, 1944.

NATHANIEL BEAMAN, III—An institution with resources of nearly \$34,000,000, the Southern Bank of Norfolk has, in addition to its large commercial, savings and installment loan departments, an extraordinarily active trust department. In charge of that department is Nathaniel Beaman, III, the bank's vice president and trust officer, who brings to his office training and experience in the two fields of greatest importance in trust work—banking and the law. Mr. Beaman, the son and grandson of bankers, has also in his background, experience in the military service of the nation, for he has served twice with the United States Navy, and is now a lieutenant senior grade in the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

Mr. Beaman was born in Norfolk on April 29, 1925, the son of Robert Prentis and Salome (Slingluff) Beaman. Also a native of Norfolk, Robert Prentis Beaman was associated with the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk most of his working life. He was its president for an aggregate of eleven years. He began his career with the bank

immediately upon completing his education, but had already done some work on its staff in summer vacation periods. He left the bank temporarily in 1925, at which time he was serving as vice president. Until 1931 he engaged in the investment business. In that year he returned to the bank as its president. In 1940 he received the award as Norfolk's "first citizen." He retired in 1942 and died in 1953 at the age of sixty-one. In his record was service as a captain of Field Artillery with the American Expeditionary Force in France in World War I.

Nathaniel Beaman's mother, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, is now associated with William and Mary College at Norfolk. She is well known in social and educational circles. Nathaniel Beaman, grandfather of the Southern Bank's vice president, served as president of the National Bank of Commerce for thirty years. Also, he was mayor of Norfolk. The present Nathaniel Beaman's great-uncle, the Honorable Robert R. Prentis, served as chief justice of the Commonwealth of Virginia following a career as lawyer and judge of the Circuit Court.

Mr. Beaman attended Norfolk Academy, at which his father had also been a student, and then Staunton Military Academy, from which he was graduated. For a time he was at Virginia Military Institute. In February 1945, he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Duke University. The following May he was commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy and assigned to active duty. He served on a destroyer in the Pacific. When released to inactive status, he returned to Duke University for legal training and in January 1949, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

For a time after his admission to the Bar of Virginia, he practiced his profession with the law firm of Breeden and Hoffman in Norfolk, but he was recalled to active duty with the Navy. This time he served two years with the Office of Naval Intelligence, attached to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Beaman was appointed public relations officer of the trust department of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company at Raleigh, North Carolina. In 1953 he was promoted to associate trust officer of this institution. In 1954 he resigned to do postgraduate work in taxation at William and Mary College. In 1955, he was elected vice president and trust officer of the Southern Bank of Norfolk and has since devoted himself to the duties of that office. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Norfolk, the Virginia Bar Association, American Bar Association, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and Kappa Alpha Order and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

In politics he is allied with the Southern Democrats. He worships at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Norfolk, where he serves as a member of the vestry and chairman of the finance committee.

Mr. Beaman married Elizabeth Middleton Dashiell of Norfolk on December 28, 1950. Mrs. Beaman is the daughter of David and Helen (Berkley) Dashiell, both also natives of that city. Mr. Dashiell, who was born in 1886, retired in January 1956, after many years as traffic manager of the F. S. Royster Guano Company. Mr. and Mrs. Beaman have three children: 1. Nathaniel, IV, born on November 19, 1951. 2. Elizabeth Johns, born on December 13, 1954. 3. William Prentis, born on August 23, 1956. The Beaman home is at 5335 Rolfe Avenue, Norfolk. Mr. Beaman's headquarters are in the main office of the Southern Bank of Norfolk—at Granby and Main streets.

JOHN HENRY POWELL—As soon as he had completed his law courses, John Henry Powell of Suffolk became county clerk of Nansemond County and has capably filled that position throughout the twenty-seven years since that time. This is an office which has been identified with the Powell family, for his father held it before him. John H. Powell takes a lively interest in political affairs and in the programs of various organizations, in several of which he has held office.

The attorney and public official is a native of Nansemond County, where he was born on March 22, 1908, son of Paul Jones and Sallie B. (Simons) Powell. His father too was a native of the Tidewater region, born in Isle of Wight County on April 11, 1876. A farmer and later a merchant, he first held public office as commissioner of revenues for Nansemond County and was clerk of the county for two years prior to his death on September 11, 1930. Sallie B. Simons, whom he married, was born in Nansemond County. She died November 9, 1941.

After attending the public schools of Myrtle and Windsor, John Henry Powell graduated from Windsor High School in 1924. He went to the University of Richmond for his advanced academic and professional studies and took his degree of Bachelor of Laws there in 1930. He had been admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia on July 15, 1929. In the year he completed his law studies, his father died, and a few days later, on September 20, 1930, he was appointed by Judge James L. McLemore to succeed Paul J. Powell in the office of county clerk. He has continued in that position since, with offices at Suffolk.

A Democrat in his politics, he has been secretary of the Nansemond County Democratic Ex-

ecutive Committee since March, 1931. He is active in Ruritan International and was president in 1943. He is also a past president of the Suffolk Lions Club, and a member of the Executives Club and Purdie Lodge No. 70, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. His fraternity is Phi Delta Theta, and he is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Powell has been a devoted worker in his church, the Baptist. He formerly served as deacon and has also been a trustee and superintendent of its Sunday school. Fond of the outdoors, he takes a great interest in fishing.

In Lexington on November 9, 1940, John Henry Powell married Eleanor McClung of that city, who was a daughter of Dr. Hunter and Eugenia Cameron (Harmon) McClung. Both of her parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Powell have four children: 1. Eleanor, born August 15, 1941. 2. Jean Cameron, born January 19, 1944. 3. John Henry, Jr., born September 30, 1946. 4. Paul Hunter, born August 18, 1954.

CHARLES CLINTON CARPENTER—Well known throughout the Southeastern States in the field of heavy construction, the Carpenter Construction Company, Engineers and Contractors, of Norfolk, owes its existence and success to Charles Clinton Carpenter and the high-caliber professional and technical men whom he has selected as his associates. Mr. Carpenter's broad experience in his field has enabled him to give guidance to a wide variety of projects in many areas. A Naval officer in World War I, he has since engaged in much Governmental work without neglecting opportunities to accept contracts in the strictly civilian field. He has held positions of leadership in various trade and professional organizations and in public and private groups devoted to the development of the Lower Tidewater.

Mr. Carpenter was born in Norfolk on November 11, 1893, the son of the late Charles R. and Rebecca Wilmot (Cox) Carpenter. His father, a native of Chicago, Illinois, died in Norfolk in 1925. Early in his career he came to the Lower Tidewater and thereafter was active in the lumber industry in Norfolk. For a time he was associated with the John L. Roper Lumber Company. Later, he carried on independent operations which extended into New York and the New England States. Rebecca Wilmot Cox Carpenter, born in Franklin, Virginia, died in 1915.

Through part of his early life C. C. Carpenter lived in Massachusetts. He was graduated from the Summerville High School, Summerville, Massachusetts, and then matriculated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston. He took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engi-

neering there in 1916, and immediately afterward began his career with the firm of Morris Knowles, Engineers, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was assigned to the firm's Government Army Camp projects and was engaged on these until he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1918. Commissioned an ensign he served as a line officer until the end of World War I.

When he returned to civilian pursuits, Mr. Carpenter became associated with the engineering firm of H. P. Converse Company of Boston as superintendent of construction on Government projects in the Norfolk area and on bridge construction across the Connecticut River at Springfield, Massachusetts.

In 1922, Mr. Carpenter settled permanently in his native city. At that time he became a member of the firm of Carpenter and Petrie Inc., contractors. In 1934 he founded the Carpenter Construction Company, with general offices in the National Bank of Commerce Building. A. Carl Schenck, who received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Alabama in 1934 and whose life is reviewed on other pages, has been associated with the firm as executive engineer since 1942.

The company covers a wide area in the heavy construction field and has, to some extent, specialized in marine construction. Its "credits" include bridges, docks, piers, bulkheads, foundations, sewage and water treatment plants, underwater and overhead utilities, extensive waterfront, harbor and river improvement projects in Government, industrial and municipal work and core-boring in soil investigation work for foundations. In World War II, the firm was engaged primarily in construction for the armed forces.

A Registered Professional Engineer in Virginia and other states, Mr. Carpenter is active in the American Society of Professional Engineers. He is past president of the Hampton Roads Engineers Club and the Virginia Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America and served on the boards of directors of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Hampton Roads Maritime Commission. His other affiliations are with the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Princess Anne Country Club, the Cavalier Beach Club and the Galilee Episcopal Church of Virginia Beach. His favorite sport is sailing. His home is at Bay Colony, Virginia Beach.

Mr. Carpenter married Phyllis Stamp of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in Norfolk on May 6, 1925. They have two children: 1. Charles Jerould Carpenter, who took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at his father's Alma Mater,



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the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in 1954, and soon thereafter was commissioned a lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, and was stationed at Camp Leonard Wood, Missouri. He is now associated in his father's firm. 2. Sylvia Joyce Carpenter.

A. CARL SCHENCK—As executive engineer of the Carpenter Construction Company, Engineers and Contractors, of Norfolk, A. Carl Schenck has furthered a reputation in the heavy construction industry begun when he entered the engineering profession a quarter of a century ago. In his background is experience in the railroad world and with the Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation, with a special record of accomplishment in maritime construction work. Like the firm with which he has been associated since 1942, Mr. Schenck is known throughout the Southeastern States.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 31, 1910, the son of the Reverend A. C. Schenck and the late Hattie (Ritter) Schenck. His father, who has served as a minister of the Lutheran Church all his working life, is now pastor of the Geigertown, Pennsylvania, Lutheran Church.

Reared in Germantown, A. Carl Schenck received his early education in the public schools of that community. He was graduated from high school in 1928. Before continuing his education, Mr. Schenck began his career as an employee of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. He worked in that line's construction department in Philadelphia until 1930, when he resigned to enter the University of Alabama, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1934. At the university he was elected to Tau Beta Pi, the honorary engineering fraternity.

From the time he won his degree in 1934 to 1942, Mr. Schenck was engaged as a civil engineer with the Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation of Boston. He worked on construction projects in Louisiana; Chicago; Bridgeport, Connecticut; and Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia. In 1942, he resigned from Stone and Webster to accept appointment as executive engineer of the Carpenter Construction Company. Since then he has played a prominent part in the work of this outstanding construction firm. The Carpenter Construction Company was founded in 1922 by C. Clinton Carpenter, the noted engineer who continues as the directing head of the firm and whose biography appears in another section of this history. The firm is extensively engaged in heavy construction in all the Southeastern States. Its completed projects include bridges, docks, piers, bulkheads, foundations, sewage and water

treatment plants, underground and overhead facilities, extensive waterfront, harbor and river improvement projects in Government, industrial and municipal work and soil investigation work.

In the year 1956-1957, Mr. Schenck served as president of the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He is also past president of the Engineers Club of Hampton Roads. His other organizations include the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and the Virginia Club of Norfolk. He worships in the First Lutheran Church of Norfolk and his hobbies are gardening and golf.

On July 6, 1934, at Lake Wales, Florida, Mr. Schenck married Eloise Williams of that community and daughter of Dr. William B. Williams, dental surgeon, and Elena (Register) Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Schenck have two children: 1. Nancy Elizabeth, born on May 31, 1936. 2. Jean Gray, born on July 21, 1939.

CLARENCE EDWARD FOREHAND has encompassed in his varied career the occupations of farmer, retail grocer and soldier, as well as his present profession of banking. He is president and general manager of the South Norfolk Loan Corporation, which he organized, and he has also served as mayor of his city.

Born May 13, 1913, in South Norfolk, he is a son of George W. and Huldah P. (Howell) Forehand. The Forehand family originally came from the eastern part of North Carolina, and for a number of years they have been prominently identified with the development of South Norfolk. George W. Forehand was engaged in the retail grocery business there, and was also a farmer. He died in 1950. His wife, the former Huldah P. Howell, is now a resident of Danville, Virginia.

The youngest of their three children, Clarence E. Forehand graduated from South Norfolk High School in 1930. He attended the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, for two and a half years, majoring in agriculture. Outstanding as an athlete, he was a member of the varsity football team, and its captain in 1934. After leaving college, he played semi-professional football for several years, and has retained a deep interest in the game.

He began his career as a farmer in the vicinity of Hickory, Norfolk County, and continued to cultivate his acreage there until he was called into active service in the army in 1941. In July 1933, he had enlisted as a private in the Virginia National Guard, and had advanced to the rank of second lieutenant by 1940, serving in Battery B, 111th Field Artillery. When he entered active

service at the time this country was preparing for defense in the face of the fascist threat from abroad, his unit became a component of the 20th Division. He attended Fort Sill School of Fire, and went overseas as an officer in the Sixth Corps artillery staff. He served through the North African campaign, the Italian campaigns including the Salerno and Anzio beachhead actions, and later the campaign in southern France, being at various times with the Fifth and the Seventh Armies. He was wounded during the southern France invasion, and was awarded the Purple Heart, as well as a Bronze Star for meritorious conduct in ground operations against the enemy. At the close of the war he took over command of the 493rd Field Artillery Battalion in Austria. He won successive promotions, in the course of his combat experience, to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and was separated from active service in January 1946.

Resuming his civilian life, Mr. Forehand again turned his attention to farming near Hickory, and he also entered the retail grocery business at South Norfolk. In June 1955 he organized the South Norfolk Loan Corporation, and has since served as president and general manager of this thriving banking concern.

A man of many activities, his interest in good government led to his election as a member of the city council of South Norfolk in 1947, with the change of the city charter to the city manager form of government. He served two terms on the council, and of this total of eight years, was mayor for six. It was during his administration that the population of South Norfolk was doubled with the annexation of Portlock and Riverdale, and emerged from an overgrown town to a city with a population of over twenty thousand. This placed heavy demands upon the abilities of the mayor. Many reforms were instituted in all municipal departments, and planning for the future drawn up. A comprehensive program of school construction was undertaken, giving the city two new high schools, which with other developments, gave South Norfolk one of the best school systems in the state. A court house was erected, a comprehensive system of street improvements undertaken, and a planning commission, housing authority and recreation bureau established.

Refusing candidacy for re-election, Mr. Forehand withdrew from active public life in 1955, and has since devoted his time to business interests. At the present time these are centered largely in his management of the South Norfolk Loan Corporation.

He has retained his interest in military affairs, and in December 1946, took command of the reactivated 111th Field Artillery, Virginia National Guard. In October 1954, he became commanding

officer of the newly activated 615th Antiaircraft Artillery, also a state National Guard unit. He is active in veterans' affairs, and is a member of American Legion Post No. 108, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2163, and the J. Robert Graham Post of the Disabled American Veterans.

He is also a member of South Norfolk Lodge No. 339, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Auld Consistory No. 3705, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Valley of Norfolk, Orient of Virginia, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the National Guard Association, and attends the South Norfolk Baptist Church. His favorite form of recreation is golf.

At South Mills, North Carolina, on August 26, 1939, Clarence E. Forehand married Frances Garizzard, daughter of Eugene Hinton and Edna (Gardner) Garizzard, of Boykins, Virginia. Mrs. Forehand is a graduate of Sarah Leigh Hospital School of Nursing. She is a member of the Portlock Garden Club, the South Norfolk Woman's Club, the Sarah Leigh Alumnae Association and the South Norfolk Baptist Church. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Clarence Edward, Jr., born October 8, 1942. 2. Mary Margaret, born March 4, 1947.

JAMES CECIL WHICHARD is vice president of the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk. He was born September 2, 1898, at Whichard, in Pitt County, North Carolina, son of the late Willis Robert, Jr., and Ella (Keel) Whichard, and grandson of Willis R. and Mary Ann Amanda (Gurganus) Whichard of Pitt County. The town of Whichard was long the ancestral home of members of this family. There Willis R. Whichard, Sr., conducted a general store and served as postmaster. He was also a substantial farmer, and a man of considerable influence in the community. Willis Robert Whichard, Jr., was for many years a resident of Norfolk, where his death occurred on January 28, 1933. For a time he was associated with Whichard Brothers, Inc., a wholesale dry goods firm in that city, which had been established in 1900. From 1919 until his death, he served as secretary of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Scottish Rite bodies at Norfolk. His wife, the former Ella Keel, died there on March 8, 1934.

Attending the public schools of Norfolk, James Cecil Whichard graduated from Maury High School in 1917. As a member of the Virginia National Guard, he entered active military service in April of that year, the month this country entered World War I. After being stationed at Norfolk until September, he accompanied his unit to Camp Mc-

Clellan, Anniston, Alabama, where it became a component of the 29th Division. He was stationed at Camp Green, Charlotte, North Carolina, from January until March 1918, then shipped overseas with the 29th Division, serving with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. He was later attached to the Provost Marshal's Office at Langres on military police duty, from October 1918, to June 1919. Several months later, he was honorably discharged at Camp Lee, Virginia.

On his return to civilian life, Mr. Whichard entered the employ of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in Norfolk, with which he continued until November 1919. He was next employed by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in the Norfolk area, but remained with the petroleum firm only until February 1920. At that time he began his career in the banking profession, joining the staff of the Trust Company of Norfolk, which in January 1927, was acquired by the present National Bank of Commerce. Having worked his way up through positions of increasing responsibility in its various departments, he was promoted to the vice presidency in 1955.

Mr. Whichard is a member of the Virginia Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association. Apart from his professional connections, he is a member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Scottish Rite bodies of Norfolk, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which his father served long and faithfully as secretary. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Pyramid Club, the Norfolk Sports Club, and the Downtown Club of Norfolk. As an active and interested member of the business community, he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, and he attends the First Christian Church.

On July 8, 1922, James Cecil Whichard married, as his first wife, Grace L. Moseley of Norfolk, who died on March 11, 1936. They were the parents of one daughter, Frances Moseley, born December 9, 1923. She married Frank G. Odenheimer, III, and they are the parents of two children: i. James Whichard. ii. Carolyn Egerton. Mr. Whichard married, second, on July 13, 1937, Catherine G. McCarrick. To their union three children were born: Catherine, on March 20, 1939; Susan Willis, born July 31, 1940; and Amanda Ann, born April 24, 1942.

CLAIBORNE R. BRYANT—Associated with the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk for three decades, Claiborne R. Bryant is now a vice president of that institution and is in charge of

its Virginia Beach Office. His name is associated with progressive activities in the Virginia Beach community, for he served in leadership capacities for nearly a score of years with the Chamber of Commerce and for many years was an elder and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church. He has also held a variety of posts with civic groups and is active, as a director or officer, in a half dozen business enterprises, including the Virginia Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association, Bell Road Enterprises, Inc., Paragon Corporation and Sheridan Corporation.

Mr. Bryant was born on a farm in Isle of Wight County on November 12, 1908. His parents were John Dwight and Dora E. (Crumpler) Bryant. The father was born in Southampton County, the mother in Isle of Wight County. After many years as a farmer in Isle of Wight County, John D. Bryant moved to Norfolk. There, until his retirement, he worked for the Virginia Railroad. He died on August 21, 1942. His widow resides in Virginia Beach.

Claiborne R. Bryant spent most of his early life in Norfolk. Following his attendance at the public schools in that city, he joined the staff of the National Bank of Commerce, and has since graduated from the American Institute of Banking. He was attached to the head office in Norfolk for nine years. On February 15, 1935, he was transferred to the Virginia Beach office in a clerical capacity. On March 26, 1952, he was made vice president. To the duties of this office he has added those of a directorship in the Virginia Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association, the secretaryship of the Bell Road Enterprises, Inc., and the vice presidency of the Paragon and Sheridan corporations.

In 1938 Mr. Bryant was elected to the board of directors of the Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce. He served on the board until he retired in 1956. In 1952 and 1953 he had served as vice president and in 1954 as president of the chamber. In October 1956 he was appointed to serve on the Advisory Council on Naval Affairs for activities in his immediate district. He was the first president of the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad, holding that office for two years, and he continues active in the organization. From 1954 to 1956 he was vice president of the Virginia Beach Parent-Teacher Association. He is a director of the Virginia Beach Sports Club and also a member of the Lions Club of Virginia Beach, the Princess Anne Country Club, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, and various bodies of the Masonic order, including the Virginia Beach Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Norfolk Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Ma-

sons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Virginia Beach; and Princess Anne Shrine Club. He remains an influential member of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach, where for so long he served on the boards of deacons and elders. In politics Mr. Bryant is a Republican. Hunting and golf are his major recreations.

Mr. Bryant married Emily Morris Davis in Norfolk on February 20, 1932. Mrs. Bryant is the daughter of Adred Judson and Laura (Morris) Davis, who were born in North Carolina. Mr. Davis operated a marine shipyard for the repair of hulls and other marine facilities. He died in 1912, his widow in 1944. Mrs. Bryant is a teacher in the Sunday school at the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Linkhorn Park Garden Club. She and her husband have two sons: 1. Judson Dwight, born on April 28, 1942. 2. Stuart Ray, born on January 16, 1944. The Bryants make their home at 106 Laurel Lane, Virginia Beach.

BERNARD B. SPIGEL—A noted architect of Norfolk, Bernard B. Spigel has performed an important community service through his activities in the design and construction of structures for institutional, commercial, church, school and club use. His talents and achievements have won national recognition and his work has been marked by an immense variety, and by mastery of the principles of design. Structures which he planned stand in many localities in Virginia and eastern North Carolina.

Born March 10, 1895, in Henrico County, Virginia, Mr. Spigel is a son of Moses and Sarah (Betaieg) Spigel. His father was a native of Austria, and early in his career was engaged in tobacco planting in Roumania. Marrying there, he came to America shortly afterwards, and located in Henrico County, Virginia. There he continued as a tobacco planter for several years. Shortly after the turn of the century, he moved his family to Norfolk, where for a time he was a merchant on Church Street. He later located in Bedford, Virginia, and at the time of his death was living in retirement in Norfolk. His wife died in that city in 1934.

Of the nine children born to his parents, Bernard B. Spigel is next to the youngest. He graduated from Maury High School in 1912, and continued his education at Carnegie Institute of Technology for the following four years. There he majored in architectural engineering. The course of study which he was taking normally requires five years, but his professional training was interrupted when this

country entered World War I, and he enlisted in the United States Army Corps of Engineers. He served eighteen months with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, and for a time was attached to the 27th Division. He was honorably discharged in the spring of 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey, holding at that time the rank of corporal.

Returning to Norfolk, he began his career in architecture with the Norfolk firm of Neff and Thompson, and in 1920 left to form his own firm under the name of Bernard B. Spigel, Architect.

Over a period of thirty-five years, since he established his own firm, Mr. Spigel has been recognized as a top-flight architect. Examples of his work are to be seen in many Norfolk buildings and elsewhere in Virginia and eastern North Carolina. A complete listing of the major public buildings whose plans have come from his boards cannot, of course, be included here. Outstanding among them are a number of school structures, completed or in the course of construction, in Norfolk, Norfolk County, Princess Anne County and elsewhere in the state; health centers in Princess Anne, Brunswick, Greenville and Sussex counties and the City of Norfolk; shopping centers in Walnut Hills, Petersburg, Newmarket, Newport News, Rodman, Portsmouth, Ward's Corner, Norfolk, and Food Fair at Virginia Beach Boulevard, and a shopping center located at 31st Street between Pacific and Arctic avenues, Virginia Beach. He has designed numerous housing and redevelopment projects in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond, Williamsburg, and Yorktown. He has also designed a number of army and navy installations in Tidewater Virginia. He drew the plans for the First Baptist Church at Williamsburg, the Great Bridge Lutheran Church, Oceana Air Base Chapel, the chapel at Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Commissioned Officers Golf Club, the Chief Petty Officers Club, the Norfolk Motor Company, Inc. building, the Colonial Chevrolet Corporation's building, Rice Fashion Corner, Inc., Smith and Welton building and many stores and branch bank structures in the greater Norfolk area. Mr. Spigel has received national recognition in theater design, and was selected as one of twenty architects in the nation to serve on the United States Theater Advisory Board. He designed Loew's State Theater in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. During World War II, Mr. Spigel was very active in the provision of housing for war workers, for United States Navy and all emergency housing, giving of his talents both day and night.

As an architect-member of the Princess Anne County Planning Commission, Mr. Spigel designed

the multi-unit administration and cultural center in Princess Anne. The long-range project calls for the erection of seven additional buildings. Architecturally, the new buildings must conform to the existing colonial-type structures. When the new courthouse is completed, the old courthouse, portions of which were constructed in 1691, will be turned over to the Virginia Historical Society, for the preservation of historically significant documents and relics.

Surrounding Mr. Spigel in his well-appointed offices in the Kresge Building is a staff of capable and experienced workers, each proficient in his field of specialization. The organization operates smoothly and efficiently. Mr. Spigel is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the Society of American Military Engineers, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, Hampton Roads Post of the American Legion, and the Tidewater Anglers Club, Dudley's Duck Hunting Club, the American Camellia Society, the Urban Land Institute, Norfolk Lodge No. 10 of the Knights of Pythias, and Ohel Shalom Temple. Mr. Spigel is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest. His favorite sports are duck hunting, deep-sea fishing and growing camellias.

By his first marriage, Mr. Spigel is the father of a daughter, Lucy. She is a graduate of the College of William and Mary, holding the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She married Frederick Herman of New York, who received his degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Harvard University and is now associated with the architectural firm of Bernard B. Spigel. They are the parents of Bernard Lania and Lucy Fredericka Herman. Mr. Spigel married, second, Enid Wilby, a native of Kentucky. The family resides on the Lynnhaven River at London Bridge.

HONORABLE HERMAN WHITE—An attorney-at-law who has practiced at South Norfolk since 1933, the Honorable Herman White has also served continuously, since 1935, as judge of the civil and police court of South Norfolk. His attainments have earned him wide respect and admiration, as have his splendid personal qualities and his thorough devotion to the highest principles of thinking and living.

Born on a farm at Askewville, near Windsor, in Bertie County, North Carolina, on January 27, 1895, Judge White is the only child of Kader and Luritha (Miller) White. Both parents were also natives of that county. Of Irish origin, the White family settled in the vicinity of the historic "Eden House," Bertie County, during the colonial era. Kader White, who died in 1900 at the age of thirty-one, was a cotton farmer, and a son of

Jonathan White, planter and Confederate veteran. Luritha (Miller) White, lived in Bertie County until December 1912, then moved to South Norfolk, Virginia, and died there on March 2, 1936. Of English extraction, she was a daughter of Jesse Miller, a planter.

Herman White passed his boyhood on the farm and attended the one-teacher country school nearby, known as the "Old Cobb School." As his father died when he was five years old, the responsibilities of farming fell early on his shoulders, and he managed the home acreage until he was eighteen years old. He then left the farm to enter the employ of the Greenleaf Johnson Lumber Company of South Norfolk, and later completed a business course in the Davis-Wagner Business College in Norfolk.

At Portsmouth, on July 26, 1917, he enlisted in Company K, 4th Virginia Infantry, which was later merged with Machine Gun Company, 116th Infantry, at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama, and became a part of the 29th Division, for service in World War I. As a private, first class, he served with his unit in the American Expeditionary Forces in France, and took part in the Argonne Forest offensive. He was honorably discharged at Camp Lee, Virginia, on May 27, 1919.

Returning to South Norfolk, he entered the employ of the American Agricultural Company, and for a time sold life insurance. Meantime, he was preparing himself for his career in law by studying during the evenings, and taking courses at the Norfolk College Law School. In 1933 he graduated there with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the Virginia bar, he devoted his full time to his profession, establishing offices in South Norfolk and engaging in a general practice. His judgments and his integrity in private practice brought him the opportunity for public office, and an appointment as judge of the trial justice court by the South Norfolk City Council in 1935. He was reappointed to successive terms by the Council until, with the change in the city charter, he was appointed to his present office of judge of the civil and police court by Judge Jerry G. Bray, Jr., of the corporation court. His term runs until 1959.

With over twenty years' continuous service on the bench, Judge White has demonstrated a keen sense of justice and fairmindedness, and has won more than a local reputation. His duties are wide and varied, and under his jurisdiction come the civil court cases, in addition to which he presides over the police court, traffic court and the juvenile and domestic relations court. He is a member of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar.

Active in veteran's affairs, he is a past com-

mander of Post No. 472, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and is a member of Tidewater Post No. 2163, V. F. W., at South Norfolk, serving as quartermaster. He was formerly a member of the Civitan Club, and is a member of the lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose. He attends the South Norfolk Baptist Church. The Judge's favorite sports are baseball and football, and he also is fond of fishing.

Twice married, he chose as his first wife, Miss Edna Lee Dobbs of Gadsden, Alabama. They were married there on September 11, 1920, and she died at South Norfolk October 9, 1947. They were the parents of two children: 1. Betty Lou, who married J. Winston Blanke of Norfolk. 2. Edna Verrell, who married Bernice Owens of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, now of Crownsville, Maryland. They are the parents of one son: Herman Langley Owens. Judge White married, second, Sarah Elizabeth Snow, who was born in Bertie County, North Carolina, in a ceremony taking place at Fox Hall, Norfolk County, on April 7, 1948. She is very active in church work and is an ordained minister of the Assembly of God Church, serving as a minister in the First Assembly of God Church, Suffolk. She has one son, A. F. Snow, who is in his twenty-first year with the United States Coast Guard, serving at the present time at Radio Washington. He and his wife, Ellie Snow, have one child, Cheryl Snow.

IRVIN REID—After a long and varied career in banking, Irvin Reid became president of the Citizens Marine Jefferson Bank of Newport News in 1950. A native of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, he was born on April 18, 1897, son of Edmond Chauncey and Mary Elizabeth (Price) Reid. His parents too were natives of North Carolina, born in Pasquotank County. His father, a farmer, died in May 1949, and Mrs. Reid survived him only until October of the following year.

In public and private schools of Elizabeth City, Irvin Reid received his early education. He later took extension courses from the College of William and Mary, and, in the line with his career preparation, the course sponsored by the American Bankers Association, at the Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Graduated in 1939, he is now serving as a member of the schools thesis examiners; also recently appointed by American Bankers Association President Welman as a member of the school's Board of Regents.

Mr. Reid began his career, however, as a salesman for the Reynolds Tobacco Company. After several months in this position, he entered the

banking field by joining the staff of the Schmelz National Bank of Newport News. He remained with that organization until 1928 with the exception of five months during the World War period, when he was in military service. From 1928, he was in the investment banking business in New York City and Washington, D. C., for somewhat more than two years with the National City Company, a subsidiary of the National City Bank of New York City.

About 1930, he returned to Newport News, and there became identified with the Morris Plan Bank of Virginia, remaining on its staff until 1934. At that time he formed his connection with Citizens Marine Jefferson Bank, with which he has continued since. He held various positions of responsibility, including that of assistant cashier, before becoming president of the bank in 1950. He has been a member of the bank's board of directors since 1947.

Mr. Reid is also a director of the Newport News Cemetery Corporation, and serves on the board of the Virginia Peninsula Association of Commerce, and in this organization holds the position of assistant treasurer. He is also a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and the United States Chamber of Commerce. He is treasurer and a member of the board of the Peninsular Industrial Committee. Mr. Reid served in 1957 as chairman of the United Community Fund for the Newport News-Warwick Hampton area. As a banker, he is a member of the American Bankers Association, and formerly served as chairman of Group No. 1 of the Virginia Bankers Association; also a member of Virginia Bankers Association Board of Directors. Mr. Reid is a member of the Board of Managers of Riverside Hospital also its secretary and treasurer. He is a member and past president of the Rotary Club, on the Board of Tidewater American Automobile Association and has served on the board of trustees of Newport News Lodge No. 315, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Peninsula Lodge No. 278; the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at Newport News; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His other memberships include the Propeller Club, the James River Country Club, the Golden Horseshoe Club at Williamsburg, Virginia, and American Legion Post No 25. His favorite sport is golf. Mr. Reid is an Episcopalian, attends Saint Paul's Church, and formerly served on its vestry.

On January 17, 1924, at Newport News, Irvin Reid married a resident of that city, Miss Sarah



James Reed

Hardy, who is a daughter of George T. and Ida Caroline (Porter) Hardy. Both of her parents are deceased.

WILSON JENKINS BROWNING—As founder and owner of W. J. Browning Company, with offices in the Royster Building in Norfolk, Wilson Jenkins Browning heads one of the region's outstanding coal and shipping agencies. As a business and civic leader, he has been influential in the affairs of Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia for over thirty years. After varied experience in early youth, he entered the export coal field, in which he was well established when his firm was founded. This background, knowledge and managerial ability have won the organization its place of leadership in the shipping and export trade.

A native of the Faucett Community in Halifax County, North Carolina, Mr. Browning was born on June 3, 1906, son of William Levi and Carrie (Jenkins) Browning. His parents were both natives of North Carolina, and spent their lives in Halifax County, where William L. Browning devoted himself to farming. Wilson J. Browning attended a three-teacher country school in his native community until he was fourteen, then left home to seek his career. He first took a position with the Roanoke Rapids Power Company as a laborer on the construction of the first power line extending from Roanoke Rapids to Weldon. After several months on this project, he joined the staff of the E. B. Glover Funeral Home in Roanoke Rapids.

In January 1924, he was attracted to railroad work, and until September 1926, was employed by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, beginning as an office boy and becoming a way-bill clerk. At the end of this period, he joined the Raleigh Smokeless Fuel Company. This was his first connection in the field which has been his vocation. He remained with the firm until November 1927, after which he joined the Wyatt Coal Sales Company of Newport News, which firm later moved its offices to Norfolk. There Mr. Browning became manager of the firm, with his headquarters in that city.

During the World War II period, his services were loaned to the United States War Shipping Administration, for which he directed statistical work in Norfolk, of value in the war effort. At the same time he continued to direct operations of the Wyatt Coal Sales Company. Following the war he devoted himself exclusively to the management of the firm until it was liquidated in 1954. He had meantime become an outstanding figure in export coal and shipping circles, and in 1946 put his broad experience to good use by founding the W. J. Browning Company of Norfolk, of

which he is sole owner and manager. The firm is active not only as coal and shipping agents, but as a charterers representatives and owners agency. The founder has built up his organization to a position of leadership in its field, and it has become an important factor in the economic life of the ports of Greater Hampton Roads and Lower Tidewater.

A member of the Hampton Roads Wholesale Coal Association, Mr. Browning served as its president in 1938-1939. He is also a member of the Hampton Roads Maritime Association, and serves on its committee on port charges and customs. He is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club and other civic groups, and has been an active supporter of the Community Chest and the American Red Cross fund-raising campaigns, as well as of other programs for civic betterment. He is a communicant of the Ghent Methodist Church, and was formerly president of its Men's Bible class. He is a member of Owens Lodge No. 164, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Norfolk.

At Newport News, on December 3, 1935, Wilson Jenkins Browning married Mary Rose of Elberton, Georgia. They are the parents of two children: 1. Mary Katharine, born June 8, 1938. She is a student at Longwood College, Farmville. 2. Wilson Jenkins, Jr., born May 29, 1942; now attending Blair Junior High School in Norfolk. The family resides at 6000 Westwood Terrace, Norfolk.

MACIE V. MARLOWE—An Air Force veteran of World War II, Macie V. Marlowe is now engaged in the practice of law in Norfolk. He is active in professional organizations and in civic and veterans affairs. His office is in Suite 417, Board of Trade Building.

Born in Richmond on July 25, 1921, he is the son of the late Macie V. and Blanche Mae (Jones) Marlowe. Both his parents were also natives of the capital. The attorney began his preliminary education in Richmond and completed it in Norfolk. Graduated from Dunlap High School in 1939, he spent the next three years at the College of William and Mary. Before he had an opportunity to take his preprofessional degree, he withdrew from the college to enlist in the United States Army Air Forces, and he served from February 1942 to January 1947, most of that time in the European Theater of Operations.

Upon his separation from the service, Mr. Marlowe resumed his education at the College of William and Mary. In 1948, he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts and in 1950 that of Bachelor of Laws. Upon his admission to practice as a

member of the Virginia State Bar that year, he became an associate of Louis B. Fine, the Norfolk lawyer and business man. They were engaged in practice together for two and one-half years. At the end of that period Mr. Marlowe established an independent practice, with offices of his own. He is a member of the American, Norfolk and Portsmouth and the Virginia State bar associations. He also belongs to the William and Mary Alumni Association, American Legion, Norfolk Junior Chamber of Commerce, The Waltonians of the Izaak Walton League of America and the Norfolk Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He worships in St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Norfolk and is a Democrat. Fishing and golf are his chief diversions.

Mr. Marlowe married Catherine Woolard in Norfolk on July 25, 1955. Mr. Marlowe is the father of two children: 1. Susan Elizabeth. 2. Macie V., Jr. Their home is at 1553 West 50th St., Norfolk.

CYRUS WILEY GRANDY—When in 1937 the late Cyrus Wiley Grandy was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal as the City of Norfolk's "first citizen," public recognition was given to a man who for many years had served his native community in numerous valuable ways. He was an investment banker active in a variety of other financial and commercial institutions of the city and a leader in health and welfare and cultural activities and in municipal beautification endeavors. His interests cut across every phase of life in the Lower Tidewater and he won widespread respect and affection.

Cyrus Wiley Grandy, the third of his name, was born in Norfolk on December 5, 1878, the son of Cyrus Wiley and Mary (Selden) Grandy. He completed his education at the University of Virginia in 1902, and then went to Wall Street, in New York City, to join the staff of Moffat and White, brokers. He remained there until 1905, when he returned to Norfolk. After that he was engaged in the cotton and investment banking business, as well as other commercial endeavors, the rest of his life.

Mr. Grandy was president of C. W. Grandy and Sons, Inc., cotton brokers; director and vice president of the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk; director and secretary of Lamberts Point Docks, Inc.; director and member of the executive committee of Priddy and Company, fertilizer manufacturers, and a director of the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia.

As a community leader, Mr. Grandy served as president of the Norfolk Association of Commerce; chairman of the Norfolk Chapter, American Na-

tional Red Cross; vice chairman of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority; president and a director of the Norfolk Community Chest; president of the Norfolk Orchestral Association; president of the Howard Association; member of the executive committees of the Navy Young Men's Christian Association of Norfolk and the Norfolk United Service Organizations; president of the Mary F. Ballentine Home for the Aged; director of Jackson Field Home; president of the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences and the Norfolk Academy; and member of the Norfolk Planning Commission. He also belonged to the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Princess Anne Country Club, the Virginia Club, the Colonnade Club of Charlottesville, and the St. Anthony Club of New York City. His death occurred on May 21, 1955.

Cyrus Wiley Grandy married Mary Carter Randolph in Millwood, Virginia, on February 18, 1914. They became the parents of three children: 1. Mary Carter, now Mrs. Hartwell H. Gary, Jr., of Lynchburg. 2. Caroline Selden, now Mrs. S. Heth Tyler, Jr., of Norfolk. 3. Cyrus Wiley, IV, who was born in Norfolk on March 22, 1920. He is the subject of the biography that follows.

CYRUS WILEY GRANDY, IV—A member of one of the illustrious families of the Tidewater, Cyrus Wiley Grandy, IV, has been maintaining the family's contribution to economic, civic and cultural development of the region, particularly in Norfolk and Portsmouth. He is an officer or director in three business organizations, the Investment Corporation of Norfolk, Portsmouth Radio Corporation and Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia, and maintains his headquarters with the first named in the Selden Arcade, Norfolk. He is a director of six organizations in the health and welfare field, two of which he also serves as treasurer.

Mr. Grandy was born in Norfolk on March 22, 1920, the son of Cyrus Wiley and Mary Carter (Randolph) Grandy. C. Wiley Grandy, IV, as he prefers to be known, was educated at the Norfolk Academy, Episcopal High School of Alexandria and the University of Virginia.

In 1941 he joined the staff of the National Bank of Commerce in Norfolk. The following year, however, the nation having entered World War II, he was appointed a member of the Office of Strategic Services and for the next three years served in Washington, D. C., and New York City. In 1945, he joined the Investment Corporation of Norfolk, later becoming vice president and secretary. He has discharged the duties of these offices since then. He is assistant secretary of the Ports-



W. P. Hunt

mouth Radio Corporation and a director of the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia, which maintains its home office in Richmond.

In the fields of education, health, welfare and cultural advancement, Mr. Grandy is a trustee and treasurer of the Norfolk Academy and the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences and a director of the Mary F. Ballentine Home, Norfolk Community Fund, the Virginia Division of the American Cancer Society and the Norfolk General Hospital. He is a former vestryman at Christ and St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church of Norfolk and is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Princess Anne Country Club, Virginia Club, and the Norfolk German Club.

On November 13, 1943, in Washington, D. C., Mr. Grandy married Ann Sterrett, daughter of the Reverend Henry Hatch Dent and Helen (Black) Sterrett. They are the parents of three children: 1. Carter Randolph, born on October 27, 1944. 2. Cyrus Wiley, V, born on June 12, 1946. 3. Hatch Dent Sterrett, born on April 24, 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Grandy and their children make their home at 1421 West Princess Anne Road, Norfolk.

WILLIAM POWHATAN HUNT—Since 1942 William Powhatan Hunt of Hampton has been a member of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and since 1954 of the Administrative Board of the Virginia Biological Laboratory. Behind these appointments, all made by Governors of Virginia, lies Mr. Hunt's leadership in such industries as the oil, fishing, fuel, and marine transportation and his alert, active interest in progress and in the welfare not only of the Lower Tidewater but the entire state. Mr. Hunt's principal business is the Hunt Oil Company, a distributor for the Sinclair Refining Company, with headquarters in Hampton. But he is also interested, as officer or partner, in the Peninsula Oil Company, Inc., Hunt Crabmeal Company, W. P. Hunt Company, Hunt Fuel Corporation, and the Pennant Oil Corporation and, as a director, in the Merchants National Bank of Hampton.

He was born in York County on January 25, 1907, the son of Powhatan King and Mary Elizabeth (Freeman) Hunt. His father, a leading figure in the seafood wholesale and retail trade, was born in that county on April 20, 1874; the mother was born in the same county on January 15, 1879, and died in Hampton on August 20, 1938. Powhatan K. Hunt has operated in the seafood business under the name of P. K. Hunt and Sons since 1911.

William P. Hunt began his education in the public schools of York County. When the family

moved to Hampton he transferred to the schools of that community and in 1927 was graduated from the Hampton High School. For about one year after receiving his diploma, he worked for his father. In 1929 he and a brother, Everett Freeman Hunt established the Hunt Oil Company as a partnership. In 1949 the brother died. Since then William P. Hunt has operated the business alone. This Sinclair distributorship, with headquarters at the foot of Ivy Home Road in Hampton, employs nine persons. He participated in the founding of the other companies, being secretary and treasurer of the Peninsula Oil Company, Inc., founded in 1934; secretary and treasurer of the Hunt Fuel Corporation, founded in 1949; secretary and treasurer of the Pennant Oil Corporation, founded in 1953; and partner in the Hunt Crabmeal Company, founded in 1938, and W. P. Hunt Company, a marine transportation business, founded in 1939. He has been a director of the Merchants National Bank of Hampton for many years.

Mr. Hunt, an active Democrat, was first appointed as a representative from the Commonwealth on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission by Governor Darden in 1942. Each successive Governor has reappointed him. It was Governor Stanley who, in 1954, appointed him to the Administrative Board of the Virginia Biological Laboratory. He is a member, also, of the Kiwanis Club of Hampton, the Hampton German Club, the James River Country Club, Hampton Yacht Club, and Downtown Club of Richmond. With his family he worships in the First Presbyterian Church of Hampton. Boating and Fishing are his favorite sports.

On November 21, 1931, in Hampton, Mr. Hunt married Elizabeth Britt Miller, a native of that city and daughter of Colonel Albert Sanford and Elizabeth Britt (Brown) Miller. Colonel Miller died on April 2, 1956; his widow survives him. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have two children: 1. William Powhatan, Jr., born on December 30, 1942. 2. Katherine Conover, born on April 13, 1946.

FRED L. HART—After early experience in newspaper work and drug store management, Fred L. Hart of Suffolk came into prominence in the Lower Tidewater's broadcasting industry as executive head of Station WLPM. His broad interests include directorship of a North Carolina broadcasting corporation and of a local bank as well.

Born at Suffolk on March 25, 1909, he is a son of Fred L., Sr., and Hannah (Dawson) Hart. His father, who built up the Nansemond Drug Company, died in 1934, but Mrs. Hart is still living. Their son attended the public schools of Suffolk,

graduated from high school there in 1927, and for two years was a student at Virginia Military Institute. He began his business career on the staff of the Norfolk newspaper, "Virginian-Pilot," but left two years later to succeed his father in the presidency of the Nansemond Drug Company in Suffolk. The elder Fred Hart had founded the firm, and headed it until his retirement. The son continued to manage it successfully until 1940; but feeling that this was not the field to which he cared to devote his career, sold the firm to other interests in that year.

Meantime, in 1938, he had organized the Suffolk Broadcasting Corporation, which began operating its radio station with the call letters WLPM, on 1450 kilocycles. The station has become known as "The Voice of the World's Largest Peanut Market." The transmitter and executive offices are located in the Radio Building, on Highway 460 near Suffolk. Mr. Hart has been president of the corporation, and general manager of the station, since it was founded.

His other business interests include directorship of the Kinston Broadcasting Company of Kinston, North Carolina, and directorship of the New Hanover Broadcasting Company of Wilmington in that state, of which he is also the vice president. He serves on the board of the National Bank of Suffolk.

In past years, Mr. Hart has served as president of the Retail Merchants Association, and of the local Chamber of Commerce. He is also a past president of the Rotary Club of Suffolk, and is a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his family attend Main Street Methodist Church.

At Suffolk, on November 30, 1940, Fred L. Hart married Margaret Simpson of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. The couple are the parents of one son, Fred L., 3rd, who was born on May 24, 1944.

PHILIP ELLIS FRANKFORT of Franklin began his career with the Camp Manufacturing Company, and, with the exception of the time he spent in the Air Corps in World War II, he has been with that firm since. He advanced to the vice presidency and also served on the board of directors of that corporation until its recent merger with Union Bag Corporation. He has continued with the merged organization to date. He is interested in civic work and serves on the local hospital board.

Born at Franklin on May 25, 1919, he is a son of Harry McQuade and Elise (Ellis) Frankfort. His father, who was a salesman, died in 1953, but his mother is still living. Attending the public schools of his native city, Philip E. Frankfort

graduated from high school there in 1936. He then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering in 1940.

As mentioned above, Mr. Frankfort's career began when he joined the Camp Manufacturing Company at Franklin. This was on his graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He left not long afterwards to enlist for wartime service in the United States Army Air Corps, in which he was commissioned a captain. He spent ten months in the European theater and was separated from the service in October 1945.

Rejoining Camp Manufacturing Company, he advanced to positions of executive responsibility in the years following the war and in March 1956, was named vice president in charge of the firm's lumber and woodlands division. He was also a director.

A Rotarian, Mr. Frankfort is past president of his club, and he is a member of the board of the Raiford Memorial Hospital and a member of the Franklin Town Planning Commission. He is a member of Cypress Cove Country Club, and his favorite sport is golf. Attending the Methodist Church, he serves his congregation as a steward.

In his home city of Franklin, on March 1, 1941, Philip E. Frankfort married Otys Rae Hargrave, daughter of B. V. and Lillian (Slade) Hargrave. Both of her parents are living. Mr. and Mrs. Frankfort are the parents of four children: 1. Courtney Stewart, who was born on January 1, 1942. 2. Margaret Ellis, born July 15, 1943. 3. and 4. Philip Rae and Ellis McQuade, twins, who were born April 16, 1948.

WALTER C. SHORTER—Returning from World War II service as a colonel in the army, Walter C. Shorter devoted himself to industrial pursuits at Franklin. He is now vice president and general sales manager of the Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation, is vice president and director in the Stocker Manufacturing Company in New Jersey, and serves on the boards of several Chicago firms.

A native of Callands, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, he was born on August 16 1902, son of Charles Booker and Olivia (Wyatt) Shorter. He completed his secondary studies at Whitemell High School, Whitemell, Virginia, where he graduated in 1919. In that year he entered Virginia Military Institute. He was in the Reserve Officers Training Corps while a student there, and he graduated with honors in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. During 1923-1924 he served as tactical officer at the Institute, and held the rank of second lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps. He remain-

ed in the Reserves until 1942 when he was called to active duty.

Meantime, in 1924, he began his career in industry as chief chemist with the Columbian Paper Company at Buena Vista, Virginia. The following year he left to join International Paper Company of New York City, as sales manager in its Specialties Division. He continued to reside in that city, and to serve in that position, until he returned to active military service in 1942.

When recalled to duty on February 24 of that year, he was commissioned a major in the Field Artillery, and for a time served as chief of the War Production Board and Office of Price Administration Liaison and Industry Service Sections Purchases Branch of the War Department. He was sent to London in June as a lieutenant colonel in the Field Artillery, and served as liaison officer between the General Purchasing Office of the United States and the British War Office. In October 1942, he became chief of the Supply Branch, G-4, with the Headquarters, S.O.S., of the United States Army at Cheltenham, England, holding the rank of colonel. In June 1943, he was named deputy general purchasing agent for the United States Army in the European Theater of Operations, being in charge of the offices in London and the Iberian Peninsula. From April through May 1945, he was stationed in the Pentagon Building in Washington. At present, Walter C. Shorter holds the rank of Colonel, Field Artillery (Inactive), in the Officers Reserve Corps. He was awarded the Bronze Star, and the Order of the British Empire, Military, for his wartime achievements, and the Military Cross of the United Daughters of the Confederacy has also been conferred on him.

While still in civilian life, Mr. Shorter served the War Production Board as a dollar-a-year man, in liaison work, as deputy director of the Paper Branch, as chief of the Containers Branch, and finally as assistant director of Industry Branches supervising lumber and building materials, plumbing and heating, medical supplies, technical equipment and containers branches of the War Production Board. He was with the War Production Board from 1940 to 1942.

After returning from the war, Mr. Shorter settled in Franklin, where he was vice president and director of the Camp Manufacturing Company, until May 7, 1958, when he became vice president and general sales manager of the Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation of New York City. He is also vice president and director of Stocker Manufacturing Company of Netcong, New Jersey, and a director of the United Wallpaper Company, Newberry Realty Company, and Trims, Inc., all of Chicago, Illinois. He is president of Kraft

Paper Manufacturers Export Association, and president of Kraft Paper Association, Inc., both of New York.

Mr. Shorter's career has also included teaching experience. During 1923-1924 he was assistant professor of mathematics at Virginia Military Institute, and from 1926 to 1928, instructed in mathematics at evening sessions of the College of the City of New York.

He is a member of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, the Golden Horseshoe of Williamsburg, the Union League Club of New York, the American Club of London, England, Sleepy Hollow Country Club of Scarborough-on-Hudson, New York, Cavalier Club of Virginia Beach, Cypress Cove Country Club of Franklin, and Stockbridge Golf Club of Stockbridge, Massachusetts. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Ruritans and the Rotary, Virginians Society of New York, V. M. I. Club of New York, Army Ordnance Association of Washington, D. C., The Quartermaster Association of that city, the Military Order of Foreign Wars, the Fellowship of U. S.-British Comrades, and the Salesmen's Association of the Paper Industry. He is a Baptist in his religious faith.

At Joliet, Illinois, on May 20, 1931, Walter C. Shorter married Mrs. Evelyn Noska Douglass, daughter of George A. and Margaret (Peasley) Noska. He has a son, Walter Wyatt Shorter, and a daughter, Margaret Ann Shorter; also a stepson, Leon Forest Douglass, 3rd.

HUGH LARRABEE DOUGHERTY—The president of The Atlantic Permanent Building and Loan Association, Inc., of Norfolk, Hugh Larrabee Dougherty is also prominent in a number of other business and civic connections, including the vice presidency of the Peoples Insurance Agency, and directorship of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

He was born in Norfolk on February 13, 1899, son of William Brewer and Bessie (Gibbs) Dougherty. His father, who died at Norfolk in 1942, was for more than half a century closely associated with the banking and business affairs of that city. In 1894 he was one of the founders of The Atlantic Permanent Building and Loan Association, and continued as an executive officer and director throughout the years. He was president at the time of his death. He was also an officer and director of the old Peoples Bank and Trust Company, which later merged with the Seaboard Citizens National Bank of Norfolk; and of the Peoples Insurance Agency, Inc., of Berkley and Norfolk. His wife, the former Bessie Gibbs, died in 1944.

Hugh L. Dougherty attended the local schools of Norfolk and graduated from Maury High School

in 1917. He then took a business course at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. In 1918 he began his career with the Peoples Insurance Agency, Inc., and the Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Norfolk.

In 1928 he was elected to the board of directors of the Atlantic Permanent Building and Loan Association, and since 1946 has been an executive officer, serving as executive vice president until his election to the presidency in 1953. As one of the oldest financial institutions in Norfolk, founded in 1894, the Association enjoyed a steady growth from the start, and has met thrift and home-loan requirements which have increased apace with the growth of the Greater Norfolk area. With a history now covering a period of over threescore years, it has provided millions of dollars yearly in loans secured by first liens to carefully selected local borrowers. Over the years, the Association has made it possible for many thousands of families in the Norfolk area to become home owners, and has helped additional thousands to enjoy the rewards of thrift. As one of the strong financial institutions of the Greater Norfolk area, it listed assets of over sixteen and one-half million dollars at the close of business, November 30, 1956. On that date the one hundred and twenty-fourth consecutive dividend was paid to members. The Association is a member of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation and the Federal Home Loan Bank System. Besides Mr. Dougherty, officers are J. H. Costenbader, chairman of the board; R. W. Porter, vice president; W. G. Brinkley, secretary-treasurer; Jerry M. Fleming, assistant secretary; J. Paul Smith, assistant treasurer.

In addition to the beautiful modern home office building at 740 Boush Street, occupied in December 1954, The Atlantic Permanent Building and Loan Association has a branch office at 123 West Berkeley Avenue; and a site for a future branch has been acquired at Little Creek Road and Tidewater Drive, Norfolk.

In addition to his responsibilities as president of this financial firm, Hugh L. Dougherty is vice president of the Peoples Insurance Agency, Inc., of Norfolk. The Association is a member of the Virginia Building, Savings and Loan League, and he is a past director of the United States Savings and Loan League.

Active in civic and community affairs, he is a member and past president of the Lions Club of Norfolk; serves on the board of directors of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce; and is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Princess Anne Country Club. A member of Doric Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he also belongs to other Masonic bodies, including Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles

of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Ghent Methodist Church of Norfolk and is past chairman of the Official Board there. As a veteran of military service, he is a member of American Legion Post No. 35.

His military record goes back to 1926, when he became a member of the Virginia National Guard. As captain in the 111th Field Artillery, a component of the 29th Division, he served in the European theater during World War II. At the time of his separation from the service, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in February 1946, he held the rank of colonel.

On October 29, 1924, at Norfolk, Hugh L. Dougherty married Miss Effie Griffin, daughter of the late Arthur L. and Effie Ola (Taylor) Griffin of that city. Mrs. Griffin lives in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty are the parents of two children: 1. Hugh L., Jr., born April 15, 1932. He graduated from Virginia Military Institute with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering, and is now serving as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps overseas. 2. Effie Lee, born June 29, 1935. She is now a student at Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York. The family's home is at Windsor Point, Norfolk.

THOMAS HENRY BIRDSONG—Having made his way to the front rank of Suffolk industrialists, as owner of the firm which bears his name and an executive of other organizations, the late Thomas Henry Birdsong was chosen by his fellow citizens for the responsible posts of city councilman and mayor. He was a native of the area, and was born on August 22, 1867, son of Sidney A. and Georgiana (Hall) Birdsong of Isle of Wight County.

Attending local schools, Mr. Birdsong completed his formal education at private school, and early in his career entered the peanut industry. He formed his own organization, T. H. Birdsong and Company, of Courtland, in 1911, and dealt not only in peanuts but in cotton and farm supplies. In addition to his major business connection, he was part owner of the Holland Supply Company of Holland, Adams Grove Supply Company of Adams Grove, and had other interests in Courtland and Emporia. He was one of the organizers, and an officer, of the National Bank of Suffolk.

Mr. Birdsong's wide knowledge of the peanut industry, and his popularity among the ranks of his colleagues, led to his election as president of the Virginia Cooperative Peanut Association. He acted as manager of its affairs. He was well and favorably known by peanut growers throughout a wide area of Virginia and the Carolinas.

He was first called to the service of his city of



J. A. Birdsong

Suffolk by petition, when the nonpartisan city-manager form of government was adopted. He served on the city council from the time it was formed until two years before his death. This was a total of twelve years. On the death of Mayor J. H. Macleary, Mr. Birdsong was chosen the city's chief executive. He held that office for eight years.

Active in the civic and organizational life of his city, T. H. Birdsong, Sr., was a charter member of the Suffolk Rotary Club, and was an earnest worker for the American Red Cross and other charitable groups. He was a communicant of Main Street Methodist Church.

On April 15, 1895, Thomas Henry Birdsong married Miss Martha McLemore of Southampton, daughter of B. F. and Rose (Westbrook) McLemore, and sister of Judge James L. McLemore. The couple became the parents of five sons: 1. Thomas Henry, Jr., who was born on May 6, 1898. 2. William McLemore, born on March 29, 1900. 3. Hall Franklin, born on October 5, 1902. 4. Harvard Russell, born April 7, 1909. 5. McLemore, born on December 12, 1911. The sons are subjects of ensuing separate biographical sketches.

The death of the industrialist, municipal and civic leader occurred on October 5, 1933.

THOMAS HENRY BIRDSONG, JR.—From the early years of his career, Thomas Henry Birdsong, Jr., has been active in those business interests so long and prominently identified with his family—dealing in farm supplies, cotton and peanuts. He is vice president and assistant secretary-treasurer of T. H. Birdsong and Company, an executive of Birdsong Storage Company, Inc., and an official of other corporations. He has headed his city's Planning Board for a number of years.

Born in Courtland, Virginia, on May 6, 1898, he is a son of Thomas Henry, Sr., and Martha (McLemore) Birdsong. His father, the subject of an accompanying sketch, headed T. H. Birdsong and Company, which was founded in 1911. From this original firm developed the dealership in farm supplies, and the transactions in cotton and peanuts, in which the Birdsongs have assumed leadership. The younger T. H. Birdsong attended the public schools in Courtland, and graduated from Suffolk High School in 1916. He then entered Randolph-Macon College, where he completed his courses in 1920. Despite the fact that he had completed his college studies in the conventional four years, he had taken time out from his studies to serve in the United States Army at the time of World War I.

When he finished college in 1920, he immediately joined the firm of T. H. Birdsong and Com-

pany, then headed by his father. In the course of his connection with the organization, the company has operated a peanut mill at Courtland, but this burned down in 1938. The following year, the erection of the present mill at Suffolk was begun. Located on Factory Street, it is the center of the firm's processing operations at the present time. The processing and wholesaling of peanuts is carried on by the Birdsong Storage Company. It employs over two hundred people, and its officers are Harvard R. Birdsong, president; H. F. Birdsong, vice president; W. M. Birdsong, secretary-treasurer and T. H. Birdsong, Jr., president and assistant secretary-treasurer.

In addition to his executive connections with the Birdsong interests, T. H. Birdsong, Jr., is a director of the Old Dominion Peanut Corporation, Pretlow Peanut Company, Inc., and Albemarle Peanut Company, Inc. In 1950 he served as president of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce. He has been a loyal and effective worker on the Suffolk Planning Board, of which he has served as chairman for a number of years.

One of Mr. Birdsong's foremost community interests is scouting. He is a member of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and also serves on the board for Region No. 3, whose jurisdiction covers several southern states. He has also been a devoted worker for the Methodist Church, serving on its board of stewards and as superintendent of its Sunday school. He is a member of Courtland Lodge No. 85, Free and Accepted Masons, in Southampton, the Lions Club, Princess Anne Country Club at Virginia Beach, and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

At Bennis Church in Isle of Wight County, on January 3, 1923, Thomas Henry Birdsong, Jr., married Virginia Wishart of that county, daughter of A. Thurston and Margaret (Chapman) Wishart. The couple are the parents of one son: Thomas H., 3rd, who was born on February 14, 1927. He received his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Randolph-Macon College in 1950, and married Annette Jones of Suffolk. They have two children: i. Thomas H., 4th. ii. Virginia Corinne.

WILLIAM McLEMORE BIRDSONG is a lawyer by training, and he has brought his professional knowledge and managerial abilities into the service of the Birdsong industrial interests. Primary among these is the Birdsong Storage Company, Inc., of which he is secretary and treasurer. He serves on the boards of a number of other corporations, and he has also held public office.

Born March 29, 1900, at Courtland in Southampton County, he is a son of Thomas Henry, Sr., and Martha (McLemore) Birdsong. He attended

the public schools of his native city and Suffolk, and graduated from Suffolk High School in 1918. For his advanced studies, he entered Randolph-Macon College, where he was enrolled for two years, and in 1920 transferred to the University of Virginia. He remained to receive both his Bachelor of Science and his Bachelor of Laws degrees there, graduating in 1925.

Prior to his college studies, Mr. Birdsong had entered the United States Army for World War I service. Assigned to the infantry, he attended the Officers Training School at Camp Lee, Virginia.

After he left the University of Virginia, he was admitted to the state bar, in 1925, and practiced at Suffolk until 1943. In that year he assumed the offices of secretary and treasurer of Birdsong Storage Company. Besides his connection with this firm, he serves on the boards of directors of the American Cold Storage Corporation, Old Dominion Peanut Corporation, Pretlow Peanut Company, Inc., Albemarle Peanut Company, Inc., National Screen Company, Inc., and the National Bank of Suffolk.

For a number of years while he was practicing as a lawyer, William M. Birdsong served as assistant Commonwealth attorney of Nansemond County. For several years he was city attorney of Suffolk. He is a member and past president of that city's Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Rotary Club, and of the Princess Anne Country Club of Virginia Beach and Elizabeth Manor Country and Golf Club at Portsmouth. A communicant of the Methodist Church, he has served as chairman of its board of stewards. His fraternities are Phi Delta Phi, legal, and Phi Kappa Sigma.

At the University Chapel in Charlottesville, on November 5, 1932, William McLemore Birdsong married Mabel Yancey Brooking, daughter of E. L. and Mabel (Fitzpatrick) Brooking of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The couple are the parents of three sons: 1. William M., Jr., born on January 5, 1934. 2. Cabell Brooking, born September 4, 1935. 3. George Yancey, born November 8, 1939.

HALL FRANKLIN BIRDSONG—Identified with the Birdsong Storage Company at Suffolk for the past decade and a half, Hall Franklin Birdsong now holds the office of vice president of the corporation. He has other corporate interests as well, and has served as city councilman.

Like the other brothers identified with the management of this long-established family organization, he is a native of Courtland, and was born on October 5, 1902, son of Thomas H., Sr., and Martha (McLemore) Birdsong. His father and brothers have biographical sketches in this work.

Hall F. Birdsong completed his public school studies at Suffolk, graduating from high school there in 1921. He went to Randolph-Macon College for his advanced studies, and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts there in 1925.

Mr. Birdsong began his career with the firm of T. H. Birdsong and Company in Courtland, his father's organization, which had been established in 1891. After a year with the company, he moved to Emporia, Virginia, and for thirteen years served as manager of the Adams Grove Supply Company there.

In 1940 he came to Suffolk, and became a partner in the Birdsong Storage Company, a major operator in the peanut industry, in a city in which the storage, processing and distribution of this product has great economic significance. When the company was incorporated, he became vice president, and has since served in that capacity.

He is also a leader in the banking field, serving as president of the Old Dominion Investors Trust, Inc., of Suffolk. He is a director of the Old Dominion Peanut Corporation, the Pretlow Peanut Company, Inc., and the Albemarle Peanut Company, Inc.

A Democrat in his politics, Mr. Birdsong has served two terms on the Suffolk City Council, his tenure covering the years from 1948 to 1955. He was president of the local Rotary Club for the 1956-1957 term, and is a member of the Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He attends the Main Street Methodist Church.

On February 12, 1927, in Suffolk, Hall Franklin Birdsong married Elizabeth West of that city, daughter of Joshua C., Jr., and Katharine (Beamon) West, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Birdsong have two children: 1. Elizabeth West, who married G. R. Joyner, Jr. They have one daughter, Nancy. 2. Hall Franklin, Jr., now serving as a naval air cadet at Pensacola, Florida.

HARVARD RUSSELL BIRDSONG—The youngest of the brothers engaged in the management of the Birdsong Storage Company at Suffolk, Harvard Russell Birdsong is its president, an office he has held for nearly a decade. He also heads three other firms in the area, and serves on various boards of directors. He has filled posts in the service of his church and of the local school system.

Born April 7, 1909, in Courtland, he is a son of Thomas H., Sr., and Martha (McLemore) Birdsong. His father's and brothers' sketches accompany. After attending the public schools of Suffolk, and graduating from high school there in 1927, Harvard R. Birdsong enrolled at Ran-

dolph-Macon College, where he was a student for two years. He left to begin his business career with the Birdsong Storage Company, then a partnership. It was later incorporated, and he became its president in 1947. He is also president of the American Cold Storage Corporation of Suffolk, the Benthall Machine Company of Suffolk, and the Pretlow Peanut Company of Franklin, and serves on the boards of directors of each. He is also a director of the Albemarle Peanut Company of Edenton, North Carolina, and of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, at Suffolk.

From 1941 to 1943, Mr. Birdsong served on the Suffolk school board. Active in the Main Street Methodist Church, he has served on its board of stewards. He is a Rotarian, and a member of the Princess Anne Country Club of Virginia Beach. His favorite outdoor sport is golf.

At the Episcopal Church in Suffolk, on October 12, 1935, Harvard Russell Birdsong married Mary Taylor Withers of Suffolk, daughter of John Thornton and Phoebe (Jones) Withers. The couple are the parents of three daughters: 1. Sally Ann, born April 30, 1938. 2. Susan W., born May 16, 1941. 3. Mary Harvard, born December 7, 1946.

HARVEY B. McLEMORE, JR.—The McLemore family of Courtland has a long tradition of service in public office. For nearly seventy years its members in three generations have continuously filled the position of county clerk, and Harvey B. McLemore is making this important public responsibility his life work. He is also identified with banking, and with service to church and to community organizations.

Born at Courtland on December 12, 1903, he is a son of Harvey B. and Pattie (Williams) McLemore. His paternal grandfather, Benjamin F. McLemore, was clerk of Southampton County from 1887 to 1909, and the elder Harvey B. McLemore succeeded to this position, serving until his death in January 1934. He was also president of the old Bank of Southampton, and held a number of civic posts. His wife, the former Pattie Williams, survives him.

The younger Harvey B. McLemore attended public schools at Courtland and graduated from Suffolk High School in 1921. For two years he was a student at Randolph-Macon College. Early in his career he became associated with his father in the work of the Southampton County clerk's office, and assisted the elder man until his death early in 1934. At that time Harvey B. McLemore, Jr., succeeded him as county clerk, a position he has filled most capably throughout the more than two decades since that time.

Mr. McLemore is a director of the Southampton County Bank at Courtland. He is a member

and past president of the Ruritan Club, a member of Cypress Cove Country Club, and attends Courtland Methodist Church, where he has served as chairman of the official board. His fraternity is Phi Kappa Sigma. During the 1955-1956 term, Mr. McLemore filled the office of president of the Virginia Court Clerks Association. He is a Democrat in his politics. His favorite outdoor sport is golf.

On June 27, 1936, at West Point, Virginia, Harvey B. McLemore married Alyce Page Adams, of King William County, daughter of Charles R. and Julia Page (Alexander) Adams. Both of her parents are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McLemore are the parents of two children: 1. Harvey B., 3rd, who was born on February 21, 1939. 2. Anita Page, born August 13, 1943.

SAMUEL ELIBA POPE—A farmer by occupation, with large acreage in Southampton County, Samuel Eliba Pope has served his fellow citizens during the past decade as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates. His extensive land holdings near Drewryville have long been in the family, his father, Franklin Pierce Pope, having begun farming there in 1885. A native of Southampton County, Franklin P. Pope was born in 1852 and died in January 1916. He married Hattie Drewry, also a native of Southampton County, and their son Samuel was born on the family farm on May 18, 1905.

Receiving his early education in Southampton County public schools, Samuel E. Pope later entered Randolph-Macon College. There he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1926 and afterwards took postgraduate courses at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. Pope taught school at Winchester for one year. Since 1929 he has engaged in farming on the acreage which has been in the family for seventy years. This is known as the Royal Oaks Farm. It originally consisted of holdings of one thousand, seven hundred fifty acres, of which Mr. Pope now owns about eight hundred fifty. There he grows peanuts, sweet potatoes, corn, cotton, hogs, and beef cattle. Besides his agricultural interests, he serves on the board of directors of the Southampton County Bank at Courtland.

In 1946 Mr. Pope was first elected to the Virginia House of Delegates. He has been re-elected five times, holding office continuously to the present. He is now chairman of the House Agricultural Committee. In 1952 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

He is a member of the Farm Bureau, the Ruritan Club, and the lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he is a member of

the higher bodies, including the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and the commandery of the Knights Templar. His fraternity is Kappa Alpha. A communicant of the Drewryville Methodist Church, Mr. Pope serves on its board of stewards. He is fond of the out-of-doors and his favorite sport is bird hunting.

At Live Oak, Florida, on June 3, 1933, Samuel Eliba Pope married Sara Holt White of that place. She is the daughter of Jack and Addie (Phillips) White. Mr. and Mrs. Pope have three children: 1. Sara Anne, born on October 20, 1934. She married John A. Richman of Richmond. 2. Nancy Elizabeth, born September 20, 1938. She is now a student at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. 3. Samuel, Jr., born March 12, 1941.

EVERETT GAIL McDOUGLE has to his credit a record of over three decades of loyal and effective service to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroads. Most of these years have been spent in the North; but after a short time in Richmond, he went to Newport News in 1951, and in 1957 became assistant vice president of operations in Huntington, West Virginia. He has taken an active interest in lodges and businessmen's groups.

Born at Fulton, Indiana, on March 26, 1904, he received his public school education in his native city, graduating from Fulton High School in 1922. On September 29 of that year, he began his long connection with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad at Peru, Indiana, in the capacity of clerk. He held various clerical positions with the company on its Chicago Division during the years which followed, his assignments taking him to various locations between Chicago and Cheviot, Ohio.

In 1947, Mr. McDougale came to Virginia and settled in Richmond, where he held the position of assistant superintendent until 1951. On April 1, of that year he came to Newport News to assume duties as assistant superintendent there, and he was promoted to superintendent on April 1, 1954. On June 16, 1957 he was appointed as assistant to vice president at Richmond, Virginia, and moved to Huntington, West Virginia, on July 10, 1957.

Mr. McDougale belongs to Peru, Indiana, Chapter No. 62 of the Royal Arch Masons. He is also a member of the Propeller Club of the United States. He attends the Methodist Church. His hobby interests are sports and gardening.

At Peru, Indiana, on June 11, 1927, Everett Gail McDougale married Bernice Welch of that city, daughter of John and Ora (Saunders) Welch. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Paul Everett, born May 25, 1928. He graduated from Purdue University in 1949 with an engineering degree, and now holds a Master's degree in ma-

thematics. 2. Marilyn Jane, born July 18, 1929. She is the wife of Richard Rotroff, and they have three children: i. Thomas. ii. Jeffry. iii. John.

JAMES EDWARD PARKER's varied business career has included positions of responsibility in industry, public utilities, the insurance field, and petroleum production. After nearly a decade as part owner of an oil company, he became president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Suffolk late in 1955. He remains active in fuel oil distribution, heading his own firm.

He was born at Suffolk on February 5, 1907, son of James E. and Lula Virginia (Williams) Parker. Both parents were born in Nansemond County, and both are now deceased. James E. Parker was a merchant in Suffolk. The younger James E. Parker attended the public schools of that city and graduated from Suffolk High School in 1927. Immediate entry into industry attracted him more than an advanced education, and the successful course of his career indicates that the decision was, in his case, a wise one. He entered the employ of the Planters Nut and Chocolate Company of Suffolk, and remained with that organization for a year and a half. At the end of that time he began a sixteen-year tenure with the Virginia Electric Power Company in its sales and accounting departments. Some of the commercial activities of Mr. Parker's busy career overlap. He was for three years engaged in sales work for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and during the same period developed his interest in the petroleum industry. He was for nine years part owner of the Southern Oil Company of Suffolk. He continues to own and operate Parker Fuels, distributing fuel oil to a number of retailers in the Suffolk area.

In August 1955, James E. Parker began his duties as president and manager of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, of which he is also a director. His varied business experience made him an excellent choice for this post, and he has done a creditable job in guiding the bank to new standards of service. Its financial resources are also advancing steadily under his direction.

Mr. Parker is a Democrat in his politics. He is a member and currently the vice president of the Kiwanis Club, and a member of the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Suffolk Lodge No. 685, and the Free and Accepted Masons, Hiram Lodge No. 340. He attends Oxford Methodist Church and serves on its board of stewards. Fond of the out-of-doors, he is partial to sports associated with the waters of this coastal region, particularly boating and fishing.

In Suffolk, on September 23, 1939, James Ed-



James E. Parker

ward Parker married Mary Sue Rawls of that city, daughter of Dr. Japheth E. and Emma (Holland) Rawls. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have three children: 1. Mary Sue, born on February 22, 1942. 2. Ann Elizabeth, born February 22, 1946. 3. James Edward, 3rd, born November 27, 1948.

H. KENNETH PEEBLES—For the past forty years, H. Kenneth Peebles has been identified with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, and is now vice president in charge of purchases. He holds other responsible positions as well, being on the board of a bank, and chairman of the Peninsula Airport Commission.

Born at Oswego, New York, on May 27, 1895, he is a son of Hubert J. and Annie E. (Longley) Peebles, both of whom are deceased. H. Kenneth Peebles attended the public schools of his native city, and graduated from Oswego High School in 1912. He then entered Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, and there, in 1916, received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

The same year he came to Newport News, and began his career with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, with which he has remained ever since. After holding various positions over the next two decades, he was placed in charge of purchases in 1937, and was promoted to the vice presidency in 1956, retaining his former responsibilities.

Mr. Peebles is chairman of the Peninsula Airport Commission and is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Newport News. He is an independent in his politics, and attends St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton. He is a member of the James River Country Club.

On June 23, 1927, at Newport News, H. Kenneth Peebles married Dora Lee Gray of that city, daughter of James E. and Dora (Bunkley) Gray, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Peebles have no children.

DAVID DICK'S entire business career has been identified with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, in which he now holds the responsible office of purchasing agent. Prominent in civic connections, he is currently chairman of the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and formerly served as president of the Virginia Peninsula Association of Commerce.

Mr. Dick is a native of Newport News, where he was born on July 20, 1898, son of Robert Murray and Annie (Miller) Dick. Both of his parents came to this country from Scotland,

his father having been born at Grenock and his mother at Port Glasgow. Robert M. Dick arrived in the United States in 1894, and from 1896 until his death in 1945, he was a shipbuilder with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. Mrs. Dick survived him by two years, and died in 1947. Attending the public schools of Newport News, David Dick graduated from high school there in 1914. He then began his career with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, but continued his education through evening courses at the College of William and Mary.

Beginning his connection with the company as an apprentice, Mr. Dick subsequently became a draftsman. He left at the time of World War I to serve in the United States Army, being assigned to the 48th Infantry Regiment. His military career lasted one year, and he held the rank of corporal at the time of his honorable discharge.

Resuming his connection with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company after the war, he advanced from draftsman through various supervisory positions, and became assistant purchasing agent in 1939. He continued in that capacity until January 1956, when he was promoted to purchasing agent of the company.

Mr. Dick has been chairman of the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority since 1945, and is a director of the War Memorial Museum. A Republican in his politics, he has served as secretary of the Newport News electoral board since 1931. He is a member and past president of the Virginia Peninsula Association of Commerce, member and past president of the Lions Club, and a director of the Newport News Boys' Club. He also holds membership in the Propeller Club of the Port of Newport News, the James River Country Club and the May Club. He and his family attend the Second Presbyterian Church, and he serves his congregation as a trustee. His favorite pastime is gardening.

On December 3, 1927, at Newport News, David Dick married Agnes Broadus of Monticello, Georgia, daughter of John and Ida (Hatfield) Broadus. The couple have two children: 1. William Murray, who was born on October 5, 1935, and is now attending Hampden-Sydney College. 2. Agnes Mae, born October 21, 1940, now attending Mary Baldwin College.

CLAUDE O. PRICE—With a record of forty-six years of loyal and effective service to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Claude O. Price now heads the company's traffic, scrap sales and fuel procurement operations. He is a native of Prince Edward County, and

was born on January 16, 1894, son of Alexander Powhatan and Alice Baker (Irving) Price. Both of his parents were also born in Prince Edward County, his father in 1849 and his mother on December 13, 1856. His father was a farmer, and later became an exporter of hardwoods to the European market. He was one of the first growers of bright-leaf tobacco in Virginia. His death occurred on February 27, 1911. Mrs. Price died in 1952, in her ninety-sixth year.

After attending the public schools of Newport News, and graduating from high school there in 1912, Claude O. Price began his connection with Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company on a permanent basis. He had worked in the firm's shipfitters' department the preceding summer, and on June 26, 1912, began his full-time connection in the Weight Department. He continued to supplement his formal education through evening courses taken at the College of William and Mary, Extension Division.

He continued to work in the Weight Department, where he won steady advancement, until May 15, 1923, and he was then transferred to the office of the Material Department. Since January 1, 1940, he has served in the Purchasing Department as head of traffic, scrap sales and fuel procurement.

During the World War II period, Mr. Price served capably as chairman of the Elizabeth City County selective service board. He is an independent Democrat in his politics. Active in Masonry, he is a member of Peninsula Lodge No. 278, of which he was master in 1921-1922. He was district deputy grand master of the Masons in 1932, and is a member of St. John's Chapter No. 57, Royal Arch Masons, and Hampton Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Norfolk. Attending Central Methodist Church in Hampton, he is a member of its official board, and has been the lay leader for the past seven years. Mr. Price is fond of the out-of-doors, his favorite sport being fishing.

At Hampton, on May 30, 1923, Claude O. Price married Nell G. Hudgins of that city, daughter of Wesley Skidmore and Ruth L. (Tennis) Hudgins. Her father was born in York County and her mother in Elizabeth City County, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Price have one son, James H., who was born at Hampton on November 15, 1926. He married Mildred Charnock of Tangier, Virginia, and they have three sons: James H., Jr., Charles C., and Robert K.

THOMAS LEON LANIER—After beginning his career as a public accountant, Thomas Leon Lanier joined the Newport News Shipbuilding

and Dry Dock Company in 1940, and is now its treasurer. He is also a bank official, and a member of a number of local organizations.

Born in Harnett County, North Carolina, on May 6, 1905, he is a son of William Fulton and Pennie Eudora (Harrington) Lanier. His father, also a native of Harnett County, is still living at the age of eighty years. He has followed farming as his occupation. Mrs. Lanier died in 1947. Attending the public schools of Lillington, North Carolina, Thomas Leon Lanier graduated from high school there in 1924. He then entered the University of North Carolina, where in 1928 he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He went to New York City to begin his career in accounting, and there joined the firm of Haskins and Sells, which he later left to become associated with Arthur Andersen and Company. His successive connections with these Certified Public Accounting organizations continued until 1940. He himself passed his examination as Certified Public Accountant in New York in 1934.

He left that city to come to Newport News in 1940, and there joined the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in the capacity of assistant to the comptroller. In 1950 he was promoted to the post of treasurer of the corporation, which he has since held.

Mr. Lanier is a director of the Warwick National Bank, treasurer and trustee of the Peninsula United Fund, and member of the Regional Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of the Peninsula Executives Club, the James River Country Club, and the Propellor Club of the Port of Newport News. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, and a Democrat in his politics. His principal hobby is farming.

At Kipling, North Carolina, on September 2, 1934, Thomas Leon Lanier married Nell Johnson of that town, daughter of Robert T. and Ottie Mae (Utley) Johnson. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Nancy Nell, and 2. Thomas Leon, Jr., twins, who were born on January 1, 1938. 3. Robert Fulton, born November 16, 1945.

HAROLD TOWNSEND BENT'S entire career was spent with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, and he was vice president of the corporation, and works manager, until his retirement in March 1957. He has had sound training as well as ample experience, holding a degree in naval architecture and marine engineering.

Born at Boston, Massachusetts, on February 4, 1892, he is a son of George Edgar and Anna



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Belle (Townsend) Bent. His father, who was born in Amherst, Nova Scotia, was a painter and decorator by trade. He is now deceased, as is Mrs. Bent, who was a native of Sangerville, Maine. In his early years, Harold T. Bent attended Parker Primary School and Grant Grammar School in Watertown, Massachusetts, and completed his secondary studies at Mechanic Arts High School in Boston, now known as Boston Technical High School, where he graduated in 1910. For his advanced training, he enrolled at one of the best-known technical schools in the country, Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, where he graduated in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.

He came to Newport News in 1915, joining the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company on July 6 of that year. He served as staff supervisor until 1927, and was then promoted to assistant superintendent. He became superintendent in 1932, and served in that capacity until 1946, when he was made production manager. In 1954, Mr. Bent became works manager of the vast shipbuilding installation at Newport News, and he was promoted to vice president of the corporation in January 1955, while continuing his duties as works manager. He retired March 1, 1957.

He is a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. He served the Hampton Yacht Club as commodore for five years, was co-founder of the Hampton Roads Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, and was its commander for the first five years. He is also a member of the Propellor Club, James River Country Club, and Peninsula Lodge No. 278, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry he is a member of the higher bodies, including St. John's Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, Hampton Commandery of the Knights Templar, and as a Thirty-second degree Mason, the Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Bent and his family attend the Episcopal Church.

A short time after he had come to Newport News, Harold T. Bent made the acquaintance of Mary Elizabeth Smith of Newport News, and they were married in Newport News on June 20, 1918. She is the daughter of Levin James and Georgie (Plummer) Smith. The Smith family is an old family in Warwick County. Mr. and Mrs. Bent have a son, Harold Townsend, Jr., who was born on December 6, 1920. He graduated from Georgia School of Technology with the degree of Bachelor of Science in physics. Married to the former Miss Elsie Elizabeth Sun-

derland of Decatur, Georgia, he is the father of two children: 1. Samantha Townsend Bent, born in 1945. 2. John Galbraith Bent, born in 1952.

RALPH BENJAMIN DOUGLASS, chairman of the board of Smith-Douglass Company, Incorporated, and an official of other organizations of the Norfolk area, was born at Alexander City, Alabama, on May 6, 1891, son of Frazier Michel and Georgia Emma (Barnes) Douglass. He completed his education at Massey Business College in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. Douglass left his native state in 1915, moving to Savannah, Georgia, thence to Raleigh, North Carolina. Coming to Norfolk in 1919, he accepted appointment as vice president of the Eastern Cotton Oil Company, and held that office until 1927, when he joined as a partner Oscar F. Smith in the Smith-Douglass Company, Incorporated. He was vice president of this Norfolk firm until 1950, serving as president from 1950 until August 1957, at which time he became chairman of the board.

He was chairman of the Organizing Committee and first chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Plant Food Council, Inc., Washington, D.C. He was one of the organizers of the Plant Food Institute of North Carolina and Virginia and served as one of its early presidents and from 1938 to 1950 was on the board of directors of this organization. Mr. Douglass is director of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Educational Foundation, and of the Agricultural Foundation of North Carolina State College. He serves on the boards of the Hampton Roads Maritime Exchange and the Seaboard Citizens National Bank.

During the World War II years, Mr. Douglass was a consultant in the chemical division of the War Production Board. Active in the Virginia Manufacturers Association, he served on its board of directors and as a member of its executive committee. In his home city, he is a director and member of the executive committee of Norfolk General Hospital, and the Norfolk Community Fund. He is a member and vice president of the National Tax Equality Association.

Mr. Douglass is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and the Princess Anne Country Club of Virginia Beach, and the Commonwealth Club of Richmond. He is a Methodist in his religious faith.

In Luverne, Alabama, on May 20, 1912, Ralph Benjamin Douglass married Renova Beard, daughter of John M. Beard and Emma Beall Beard. Mrs. Douglass died in January 1951. The couple were the parents of two daughters: 1. Dorothy, who is the wife of Lucius J. Kellam of Belle Haven, Virginia. They have two children, Dorothy

Douglass and Lucius James, III. 2. Rebecca, who married George Walter Mapp, Jr., an attorney in Accomac, Virginia. They have three daughters: i. Mildred Douglass. ii. Margaret Aydelotte. iii. Carolyn LeCato. Mr. Douglass makes his home at 1337 West Princess Anne Road, Norfolk.

WALTER T. RILEE—From the early years of his career, Walter T. Rilee has followed the profession of banking. He has been with the Bank of Hampton Roads, in Newport News, since it was chartered under that name, and has advanced through the various executive positions to the presidency.

Born in Gloucester County on September 28, 1908, the bank executive is a son of Walter Lee and Clara Lee (Soles) Rilee, both natives of Gloucester County. Walter L. Rilee was for many years engaged in the insurance business at Newport News and is now retired. In that city, Walter T. Rilee received his public school education and graduated from high school in June 1927. In lieu of advanced academic studies, he began his practical business experience, joining the staff of the Citizens Marine Bank of Newport News in September 1927, in the position of runner. He advanced to posts of greater responsibility with that organization in the course of his connection, which continued until 1934.

At that time, Mr. Rilee joined the Industrial Loan and Investment Corporation and a few months later, in October 1934, it received its charter from the state to operate as a bank. In 1935 the present name, Bank of Hampton Roads, was adopted. At that time he held the position of assistant cashier, and he was later promoted to cashier and subsequently to vice president, while retaining his duties as cashier. After a period of time in the position of executive vice president, Mr. Rilee was named president of the Bank of Hampton Roads in 1954. He is also a member of its board of directors.

Besides bankers' organizations, Mr. Rilee is a member of Peninsula Lodge No. 278, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, commandery of the Knights Templar, consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Lions Club, and James River Country Club. The family worships at Congregational Christian Church. Mr. Rilee's favorite outdoor pastime is golf.

At Hampton on April 20, 1935, Walter T. Rilee married Mary Ann Moore of that city, daughter of Floyd W. and Sallie (Crockett) Moore. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Patri-

cia Ann, born July 9, 1936. 2. Richard Alan, born December 9, 1940.

JAMES ASHBY DANIELS of Newport News has rounded out a quarter of a century in the accounting profession. He is now the senior partner in the firm of Daniels, Turnbull and Freeman, and maintains offices in the Melson Building. He is a director of the Bank of Hampton Roads and is active in local organizations.

Born in Isle of Wight County on March 18, 1903, Mr. Daniels is a son of William A. and Mamie (Ashby) Daniels, both of whom were natives of that same county. His father, a farmer, died on August 29, 1939, and his mother died on December 29, 1949. James A. Daniels began his education in the public schools of his native county and graduated from Carrollton High School in the Class of 1919. He then studied accounting at Newport News Business College and was the first graduate of that institution to pass the state board examination as a Certified Public Accountant.

In 1932, shortly after he had begun his professional career, he became partner in the firm of Edmondson, Daniels and Willett, and this organization of public accountants continued in existence until July 1, 1945. Then Mr. Daniels practiced under his own name until January 1, 1957. In addition to heading his firm, he carries business responsibilities as director and comptroller of the Citizens Rapid Transit Company of Hampton and, as stated before, as a director of the Bank of Hampton Roads, in Newport News. He has been secretary of the bank's board since its founding.

Mr. Daniels is a Democrat in his politics and is a member of the Lions Club and James River Country Club. He and his family attend Grace Methodist Church. Fond of the out-of-doors, the accounting executive follows the sports of boating, fishing, hunting, and golf.

On February 19, 1926, at Richmond, James A. Daniels married Elva S. Epperson of Halifax County, daughter of John E. and Susan (Shelton) Epperson. The couple are the parents of two sons: 1. James A., Jr., born August 4, 1928. He married Miriam White of Warwick, and they have two children: William Scott and Susan Stafford. 2. Robert S., born February 14, 1940.

J. CARGILL JOHNSON—Most of the years of J. Cargill Johnson's business career have been identified with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, a major industry of the Lower Tidewater, which is referred to elsewhere in these pages. For over a decade and a half,



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he has held the position of assistant personnel manager there, and has been active in other business connections and in public office as well.

Born in Prince George County on May 31, 1894, Mr. Johnson is a son of Julius S. and Mary (Bland) Johnson. His father, also a native of Prince George County, was a railroadman, and Mary Bland, whom he married, was born in Petersburg, Virginia. Both parents are now deceased. J. Cargill Johnson received his public school education in Newport News, graduating from its high school in 1912. He began his career with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in 1912. After holding various positions of increasing responsibility, he was promoted to assistant personnel manager in 1940, and in addition, he is president of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company Credit Union.

Mr. Johnson is a director of the Citizens Marine and Jefferson Bank of Newport News. He is currently serving on the Virginia State Game Commission, to which he was appointed by Governor Stanley. He is a Democrat in his politics, and attends the Episcopal Church. He is fond of hunting and golf, and is a member of the James River Country Club.

At Hampton, on June 28, 1924, J. Cargill Johnson married Frances L. Myers of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The couple are the parents of two sons: 1. J. Cargill, Jr., who graduated from the College of William and Mary and is now with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. 2. Roper Bland, attending Georgia Institute of Technology.

T. PARKER HOST—With many years in the shipping industry to his credit, T. Parker Host of Newport News now heads his own steamship agency and brokerage business. In addition to being chief executive of T. Parker Host, Inc., he is also president of the Tidewater Stevedoring Corporation. He has served as mayor of his city, and is a veteran of Air Corps service in World Wars I and II.

Born at Newport News on October 2, 1892, he is a son of Lewis Clinton and Abbie (Jones) Host. His father, a native of Hampton, Virginia, spent most of the years of his active career with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and died in February 1935. Mrs. Host is still living. She is a native of Portsmouth. T. Parker Host attended the public schools of his native city and the University of Virginia.

Prior to 1923, he worked for various shipping firms, and with ample experience and confidence in his own abilities, he left the employ of others to start his own steamship agency and brokerage

business in that year. The firm which he founded has enjoyed a steady growth, and in 1951 was incorporated as T. Parker Host, Inc., with Mr. Host as its president. Officers are in the Chesapeake and Ohio Terminal Building in Newport News, and a branch is operated in the Western Union Building in Norfolk. Mr. Host has been president of the Tidewater Stevedoring Corporation since 1925; and through his control of these two interrelated organizations, is an influential figure in the industrial life of Lower Tidewater.

A veteran of both World War I and World War II, Mr. Host served in the Air Corps in both conflicts. In the first war, he held the rank of second lieutenant, and spent over two years as a pilot, serving in France and the Army of Occupation in Germany. At the outbreak of World War II, he returned to the Air Corps as a major, later attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. After a service of three and one-half years in the United States and North Africa he returned to Newport News and his shipping business.

A Democrat in his politics, Mr. Host became vice mayor of Newport News in 1936 and served until 1940. He then became mayor, and most capably discharged the duties of that office until February 1942, when he resigned to enter the Air Corps. At the present time, he is serving as vice consul of the Norwegian government in his city, and in recognition of his services, has been honored with the title of Knight of the Order of St. Olaf, conferred by the King of Norway.

Mr. Host is a member of the Virginia Club of Norfolk and the James River Country Club. His fraternity is Sigma Alpha Epsilon and he is a member of the lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He and his family attend the Presbyterian Church. Boating is his favorite outdoor sport, and among the quieter pastimes he enjoys bridge.

On July 6, 1921, in Newport News, T. Parker Host married Jane Hamilton Shearer of Hampton, daughter of James and Margaret (Findlay) Shearer. Mr. and Mrs. Host have two children: 1. Jane Hamilton, now Mrs. T. V. Moore, Jr., of Miami, Florida, and the mother of two sons: i. Parker Host Moore. ii. John Hamilton Moore. 2. T. Parker, Jr., who is associated with his father in business. He married Janet Peebles and they have two children: i. T. Parker, III. ii. David Findlay.

ABNER S. POPE—In the course of his career in banking, which dates back five decades, Abner S. Pope advanced to the presidency of the Seaboard Citizens' National Bank. He held that office

for twenty-four years, and is now chairman of the board.

A native of Newsoms, Virginia, Mr. Pope was born on March 1, 1883, son of Joseph B. and Jennie B. (Prince) Pope. He received his education in preparatory schools in Richmond, graduating from Richmond College with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1903, and came to Norfolk in 1909. In 1912, at the age of twenty-nine, he became cashier of the Seaboard National Bank. He remained in that position until 1919, and thereafter until 1922, served as president of the Savings Bank of Norfolk. Mr. Pope then returned to the Seaboard National Bank, as vice president, and he also served on its board of directors from 1922. In 1932 he was elected to the presidency of the bank, and served until January 1956, when he was elected chairman of the board.

Interested in community welfare causes, Mr. Pope is a member of the board of the Norfolk General Hospital, and he also serves on the board of the Tidewater Hospital Association. He is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Norfolk Country Club and the Princess Anne Country Club.

On April 10 1907, Abner S. Pope married Rosa Virginia Smith of Richmond, Virginia, daughter of Dr. W. R. L. and Nannie (Bowman) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Pope are the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret, now Mrs. E. L. Woodard of Hickory, North Carolina. 2. Nancy, who is the wife of Haley F. Shuford. They too live in Hickory, North Carolina. 3. Virginia, who married Charles F. Burroughs, Jr. Their home is in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Pope have ten grandchildren. Their own home is at 1515 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk.

HENRY LEWIS BOONE—The president of W. A. Hall and Company, Inc., of Norfolk, Henry Lewis Boone has been continuously identified with the general building field in that city since 1927. A thorough craftsman in all phases of construction, he has played a vital part in the upbuilding of Norfolk during the period of its greatest growth.

He was born on December 29, 1900, in Northampton County, North Carolina, son of Joseph Colonna and Jossie (Pulley) Boone, both natives of that county, which has been the seat of the Boone family for several generations. His father, a farmer, died July 2, 1950. He was a son of Henry Thomas Boone, farmer and veteran of service in the Confederate States Army, who had spent his life in Northampton County. Jossie (Pulley) Boone continues to maintain the family home there.

It was at this farm homestead that Henry Lewis

Boone passed his boyhood years, and he attended the public schools in Jackson, North Carolina. At the age of eighteen he began his apprenticeship in the carpenter's trade in Northampton County, and worked on various projects in that vicinity for the following four years. At the age of twenty-two he located at Boykins, Virginia, where he continued in the construction trade until 1927. In March of that year he came to Norfolk and entered the employ of John H. Pierce, prominent building contractor. Mr. Pierce died in 1929, and at that time Mr. Boone joined W. A. Hall, Sr., in his construction firm, as a superintendent. In 1941 he became a partner with the elder Mr. Hall until his death in August 1950, and the following month Mr. Boone became a partner of Mr. Hall's son, W. A. Hall, Jr., in organizing the present contracting firm, W. A. Hall and Company, Inc., which has its office at 255 Monticello Arcade. He is senior partner and president of the corporation; and Mr. Hall, whose biography accompanies, is secretary and treasurer. In the little more than a half-decade of its existence, the firm has completed a number of important projects, the major ones being listed in Mr. Hall's sketch.

Fond of outdoor life, Mr. Boone is especially partial to hunting, and to enjoy the sport at its best, he acquired interests in Knots Island in eastern Princess Anne County, where he maintains a boat house.

On December 24, 1924, at Petersburg, Virginia, Henry Lewis Boone married Courtney Stephens, daughter of Frank and Noney (Gray) Stephens of Southampton County, Virginia. Her mother is now deceased. Mrs. Boone is a member of the Ingleside Garden Club and Squires Memorial Presbyterian Church. The couple are the parents of a daughter, Geraldine Courtney, born November 14, 1939.

WILLIAM ALFORD HALL, JR.—Norfolk in recent years has been the scene of extraordinary growth and modernization. In every section of the city are to be found buildings erected by W. A. Hall and Company, Inc., as well as numerous remodeling projects for which this firm has contracted. William Alford Hall, Jr., is secretary and treasurer of this firm, which has its offices in the Monticello Arcade, Norfolk. He, with Henry L. Boone, founded the company in September 1950, and both brought to its management a splendid background in the building and contracting field in the Greater Norfolk area. The gratifying success of the firm results from this accumulation of experience, and a quality of service and workmanship which distinguish it in the building field.

William A. Hall, Jr., was born February 7,

1907, at Burkeville, Virginia, son of the late William Alford, Sr., and Margaret Belle (Carter) Hall. His father was a prominent building contractor of Norfolk, who was born on February 8, 1871, in London, England. At the age of fourteen he came to this country and first made his home in St. Augustine, Florida. There he learned the trade of ship's carpenter, and also engaged in commercial fishing on the Indian River between St. Augustine and Fort Pierce, Florida. In the early years of the century he moved to Thomasville, Georgia, where he farmed for several years before selling his holdings and moving to Burkeville, Virginia. While living there, he served as rural mail carrier, covering a twenty-seven mile route with horse and buggy, and he supplemented his earnings by farming. With this country's entrance into World War I, in 1917, he accepted employment as ship's carpenter in the shipyard at West Point, Virginia, and before the end of the conflict had been promoted to assistant superintendent of construction. In the early months of 1919, William A. Hall, Sr., took his family to Norfolk, and for several years was in charge of a boat repair yard at Atlantic City. In 1923, he joined the well-known building contracting firm of John C. Pierce of Norfolk, as superintendent of construction, and he continued in this connection until the death of Mr. Pierce in 1929. In that year he formed his own company as W. A. Hall, General Building Contractor of Norfolk, and in the years which followed, until his death on August 28, 1950, was one of the city's leaders in the construction field. Under his supervision, the firm erected many important commercial structures of the Norfolk area, including a number of branch bank offices for the National Bank of Commerce, and a number of store-front remodeling projects in the downtown section around Granby Street.

William A. Hall, Jr., received his early education in the public schools of Burkeville, West Point and Norfolk. He graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy at Bedford, Virginia, in 1925, and attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute for one year, majoring in chemical engineering. From 1926 to 1935 he was employed by the well-known oil corporation, The Texas Company, at its Norfolk office, resigning to enlist in the United States Army. His tour of duty included assignment to a horsedrawn artillery outfit, and in 1939, as a technical sergeant, he took part in reorganizing the Fourth Infantry Division into the first motorized outfit in the United States Army, at Fort Benning, Georgia. He served in the 42nd Field Artillery Battalion. In December 1941, his division was transferred to Camp Gordon, Georgia, where he was stationed until July 1942. He then entered

Officers' Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Artillery Corps, he was attached to the Eighth Training Regiment at Fort Sill until his separation from the service on December 5, 1945.

Returning to Norfolk after the war, William A. Hall, Jr., entered his father's construction firm as a carpenter, and he later served as superintendent of various building projects. His father died in August 1950, and on September 1, Mr. Hall joined Henry L. Boone in forming the present firm, W. A. Hall and Company, Inc. Mr. Boone, who is the subject of an accompanying sketch, is president, and Mr. Hall secretary and treasurer.

Engaged in all types of construction work, commercial, industrial and institutional, the company has numbered among its projects many important structures, including an addition to Bayside Elementary School; addition to the Francis E. Willard Elementary School; addition to the Meadowbrook Elementary School; the Cavalier Lodge, addition to the Cavalier Hotel; the bar and banquet room of the Cavalier Hotel; the Holiday Sands Motel, which is also at Virginia Beach and is the first privately constructed lift-slab job in Virginia; the Norfolk Federal Savings and Loan Association's branch office at Ward's Corner; the Bank of Commerce's branch office at 20th and Colonial Avenue; and many store buildings at Ward's Corner shopping center. The firm is a member of the Norfolk Builders and Contractors Exchange and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

On December 29, 1929, in Norfolk, William A. Hall, Jr., married Margaret Doris Bell, daughter of Andrew J. and Rosine (Dalton) Bell of Norfolk. Her father is a retired Seaboard Air Line Railroad employee. Mrs. Hall is a graduate of Maury High School and Radford State Teachers College. They are the parents of four children: 1. William Alford, III. He served with the United States Army in the occupation of Japan and later in the Korean conflict. He is now a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Norfolk Division. 2. Joseph Bell, a business man of Norfolk. He also served in the occupation of Japan and was wounded in the Korean conflict. 3. John Charles. 4. Margaret Alford. The two younger children are attending parochial school in Norfolk.

WILLIAM O. SHERMAN, JR.—Norfolk Iron and Wire Works, a firm specializing in designing, fabricating, distributing and erecting structural steel, ornamental iron and wire work, has grown and prospered under direction of members of the Sherman family. Its president today is William O. Sherman, Jr. With office and plant at 3045 East Virginia Beach Boulevard, Norfolk, this compact or-

ganization offers years of experience in steel fabrication and related lines, and employs over twenty-five skilled mechanics, machine operators and craftsmen. This is a creative and adaptable group, capable of working in many media and on a variety of contracts, and has subcontracted on a large number of commercial, industrial, institutional and government projects. It takes just pride in its quality of service and workmanship.

The original Norfolk Iron and Wire Works was established in 1905, A. L. Rible being one of the founders. Twenty-five years later, the firm of W. O. Sherman and Company was established as a sales engineering organization, distributing steel products, and this concern acquired the properties of the Norfolk Iron and Wire Works in 1935. At that time, W. O. Sherman, Sr., and J. E. Speight, associates in the Sherman organization, bringing many years' experience in related fields, formed a partnership for operating the newly acquired business. The partnership was dissolved in 1941 when W. O. Sherman, Sr., became sole owner. He continued as directing head of the emergent Norfolk Iron and Wire Works (which had retained the older organization's name) until shortly before his death in 1951. He was then succeeded as the directing head of the corporation by his son, W. O. Sherman, Jr., who had already had extensive experience in the industry. For many years he had spent his summer vacations working in the Norfolk Iron and Wire Works, and entered the firm on a full-time basis in 1945, following his return from military service in World War II. Continuing its record of growth and service under his direction, the corporation is today one of the leading firms in its field in Tidewater Virginia. It was incorporated in 1955, with W. O. Sherman, Jr., as president and manager; Mrs. Leota S. Prentiss, vice president and treasurer; and Mrs. Gale A. Sherman as secretary. The present plant and offices on East Virginia Beach Boulevard were occupied in 1941.

William Ottie Sherman, Sr., who was directing head of the firm from 1935 until a short time before his death, was born in South Norfolk. He received his education through the secondary years in the public schools of that city, and beyond that point was self-educated. He became chief structural engineer of bridge design for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad at the age of twenty-six, and he later held important engineering positions with the architectural and engineering firm of Neff and Thompson. He had responsible duties in connection with the building of a number of the important structures in Norfolk, including the Cavalier Hotel, the Roster Building, the Wainwright Building and Maury High School. For a number of years, W. O. Sher-

man, Sr., engaged in private practice as a civil engineer in Norfolk, and in 1930 formed the firm of W. O. Sherman and Company, a sales engineering organization which five years later acquired the Norfolk Iron and Wire Works. He was a member of the Hampton Roads Post of the Society of American Military Engineers, and of the Lions Club, and in earlier life he had been a Kiwanian. He attended the Ocean View Baptist Church.

W. O. Sherman, Sr., married Leota Downing of Norfolk, who survives him, and to them three children were born: 1. Leota Carol, who married Joseph H. Prentiss of Norfolk. 2. William O., Jr. 3. Esther Hope, who married Cecil J. McCary of Norfolk. By an earlier marriage, W. O. Sherman, Sr., was the father of a son, Henry L. Scheuerman (who retains the original spelling of the family name). A resident of Norfolk, he formerly served as chief of police of South Norfolk, and is now an inspector with the Virginia State Police, in its Motor Vehicles Department.

William O. Sherman, Jr., was born March 16, 1923, in Norfolk, and graduated from Maury High School in 1942. For a year he attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Norfolk Division, and in 1943 enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet. After receiving his pre-flight training, he became a technical student at Davidson College, North Carolina. He was separated from the service in 1945, and entered the Norfolk Iron and Wire Works on a full-time basis. Since his father's health was declining, he assumed an increasing measure of responsibility in management.

When W. O. Sherman, Sr., retired, his son was well equipped to assume the duties of chief executive, and during his tenure as directing head of the firm, which began in 1951, he has capably managed the firm and has undertaken an extensive expansion program. He incorporated the business in 1955. In addition to extensive government contract work, the firm is today engaged in many projects of a commercial, industrial and institutional nature. Among these have been the Foreman Field Stadium, Young Park Elementary School, and Talbot Park Baptist Church.

Mr. Sherman is a member and secretary of the Subcontractors Association of Virginia, and a member of the Norfolk Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Lafayette Yacht Club. He is partial to fishing among the outdoor sports.

On April 17, 1945, at Norfolk, William O. Sherman, Jr., married Gale Anselm, daughter of William B. and Blanche (Gale) Anselm of that city. Mrs. Sherman is a graduate of Maury High School, Class of 1941, and attended the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division. The couple are communicants of the Freemason Street Baptist



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Church. They are the parents of a son, William Ottie, III, who was born on July 31, 1947.

JOHN WESLEY SNOW, JR.—The masonry contracting firm in Norfolk known by the somewhat unusual name of Snow, Jr., and King, Inc., has been in existence for a little more than a decade. Under the executive direction of its president, John Wesley Snow, Jr., it has made steady and satisfactory progress upon the sound structure of a few basic principles: conscientious attention to detail, fine workmanship, and the employment of workmen who have a sound knowledge of their craft, masonry. It has an excellent reputation throughout the trade as well as among building owners and managers and contractors throughout the Tidewater area. It is today one of the largest firms concentrating entirely on masonry work, and on the impressive list of structures on which it has contracted are included the Sears Roebuck and Company's building in Norfolk; the Mayflower Apartments at Virginia Beach (which is the tallest residential building in the state); the new administration and classroom building of Norfolk Division, Virginia State College; the Norfolk Municipal Airport's administration building; the Norfolk Central Young Men's Christian Association Building; the Greek Orthodox Church of Norfolk; the Mary F. Ballentine Home; and several public school buildings. It is working on the new Norfolk General Hospital, scheduled for completion in 1957.

John Wesley Snow, Jr., its co-founder, president, and treasurer, was born March 20, 1917, at Hopewell, son of John Wesley, Sr., and Mabel (Burrrows) Snow. His father, a native of Norfolk, has been prominent in the building trades for many years, and his grandfather, Thomas Snow, was also active in masonry contracting. John W. Snow, Jr., thus brings down to the third generation a conscientious and craftsmanlike career interest in his business. His mother, the former Mabel Burruss, died in 1919, when he was only two years old.

He passed his boyhood in several localities where his father was engaged in building projects and completed his secondary education at McKinley High School in Washington, D. C., where he graduated in 1936. He continued his education at the University of Maryland, where he was a student for two years, majoring in business administration, and he supplemented his advanced studies there by attending Benjamin Franklin School of Accounting in Washington, D. C., for one year.

He began his career in the construction field with the Virginia Engineering Company of Newport News and served his apprenticeship in bricklaying under his father, working in the latter's construction firm. He continued with the Virginia Engi-

neering Company until 1945, learning through practical experience the many phases of masonry construction and the business aspects of contracting as well.

With this excellent background he terminated his association with his father to form his own firm in Norfolk in 1945. As co-founder of Snow, Jr., and King, Inc., he became president and treasurer of the firm and continues as its executive head. Its other officers are F. L. Detterman, vice president, and Mrs. Dorothy Mae Snow, secretary. Offices and warehouse are at 2415 Church Street, Norfolk. The combination of experience and a conscientious attitude toward its work has won Snow, Jr., and King, Inc., a reputation as one of the most reliable contractors in masonry construction, and the growth in its volume of business has continued accordingly. The firm holds organizational membership in the Builders and Contractors Exchange, Inc., of Norfolk, and the city's Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Snow is a member of the Virginia Subcontractors Association. His other memberships include the Cavalier Beach Club, the Cavalier Golf Club, Sertoma International, and the Ocean View Lodge No. 335, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry he is a member of the higher bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, holds the Thirty-second degree, and belongs to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His favorite sports are boating and golf.

On February 10, 1940, at Pensacola, Florida, John Wesley Snow, Jr., married Dorothy Mae Bladen of Washington, D. C., daughter of the late John Bladen and his wife, the former Viola Stark. The family formerly lived in the nation's capital, but now reside in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Snow are communicants of Christ Methodist Church, and they make their home at 18 Cavalier Drive, Linlier, Virginia Beach. They are the parents of two children: 1. Linda Barbara, born November 16, 1943. 2. Thomas Michael, born March 16, 1945.

WILLIAM E. WARREN—Senior vice president of the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk, William E. Warren held the post of vice president and director of the Merchants and Planters Bank until its recent merger with the National Bank of Commerce.

Born December 9, 1907, at Portsmouth, he is a son of John Lloyd and Etta (Minton) Warren. His father was descended from early colonial settlers on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and is now retired, having spent his active life in farming and livestock raising. Etta (Minton) Warren was

born in Nansemond County, and her ancestry is also traceable to early colonial Virginia.

William E. Warren passed his boyhood in Portsmouth, where he graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1926. He continued his studies at William and Mary College at Williamsburg, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1929. He then attended the Graduate School of the University of Virginia, where he majored in English.

During the years from 1929 to 1932, he was a member of the teaching faculty of Christ Church Episcopal School for Boys in Middlesex County, Virginia. Continuing his career in educational work, he joined the public school system of South Norfolk, with which he remained as teacher, assistant principal and assistant superintendent from 1932 to 1938. In the latter year he began his association with the Merchants and Planters Bank of Norfolk as assistant cashier and assistant manager of the South Norfolk Branch. With the opening of the Lafayette Boulevard Branch in November 1946, he was transferred there as its manager. In January 1955, Mr. Warren was elected to the board of directors of the Merchants and Planters Bank, and also became vice president, continuing as officer in charge of its Lafayette Boulevard Branch. On November 4, 1957, the Merchants and Planters Bank merged with the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk and since that time Mr. Warren has held the position of senior vice president of the National Bank of Commerce.

Since 1950, Mr. Warren has served as a member of the board of directors of the Chesapeake Building Association of Norfolk. He belongs to the Virginia Bankers Association, the American Institute of Banking and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member and past president of the Lafayette Business Men's Club, member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Sigma Nu fraternity, and the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is entitled to membership in the last-named organization by right of direct descent in the maternal line from Colonel George Elliott of the American Continental Army of Virginia. He is interested in all outdoor sports, especially football. An Episcopalian, he is a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

On March 31, 1934, at Norfolk, William E. Warren married Lois Sharber Parkerson of Norfolk, daughter of Jesse J. and Emma Clark (Markham) Parkerson of that city. Her father served as president of the Merchants and Planters Bank of Norfolk and is one of the community's outstanding business and civic leaders. Mrs. Warren is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Virginia. Active in cultural

and civic affairs, she is a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, the American Association of University Women, the Virginia Branch of the International Order of King's Daughters, and the Lockhaven Garden Club. Mr. and Mrs. Warren are the parents of a daughter, Ann Parkerson, a graduate of Granby High School, and now attending Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg. The family reside at 7414 North Shore Road, Norfolk.

HORACE GODWIN ASHBURN, M.D., is well endowed with those qualities which best fit a man for the difficult profession of medicine. Family background played its part in his preparation, for his father, the late Dr. William Beauregard Ashburn, was a prominent physician of Norfolk County. The elder Dr. Ashburn was born in 1861 in Isle of Wight County and graduated from the Medical College of Virginia. As a general practitioner, he maintained his office in Berkley and South Norfolk from 1902 until his death in 1923. He married Geneva Godwin, who was born in Nansemond County in 1867 and died at South Norfolk in 1938. The descent of both can be traced back to the early days of settlement in Isle of Wight and Nansemond counties.

To this couple, the son whom they named Horace Godwin was born in Franklin County on July 17, 1893. He is the oldest son of his parents. Receiving his early education in Miss Minnie Tilley's Private School in Berkley, he later attended the public schools of that community and in 1911 was a member of the first graduating class of Maury High School in Norfolk. He then entered the University of Virginia, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1914 and his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1918. He interned at the University of Virginia Hospital for one year and the following year interned at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. His senior year in medical college had coincided with this country's participation in World War I, and Dr. Ashburn was enlisted in the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps.

In 1920 Dr. Ashburn began private practice in South Norfolk, where he has maintained his office since. In 1927 the Dr. H. G. Ashburn Clinic was erected at Jackson and Ohio streets, South Norfolk, and this has since been the center of his practice. Early in his career, Dr. Ashburn began to specialize in the field of general surgery, and in 1932 he was honored by being made a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. In his extensive practice of surgery, he has built a sound professional reputation and has won the commendation of his colleagues and the confidence of the public.

He is a fellow of the Southeastern Surgical Con-

gress and a member of the Norfolk County Medical Society, the Virginia State Medical Association, the Seaboard Medical Society, the American Academy of General Practice, and the American Medical Association. His college fraternity was Theta Delta Chi. An indefatigable worker, Dr. Ashburn has sacrificed his leisure hours to make opportunity for increasing his knowledge of medical science, and he has attained particular distinction in the field of general surgery. He is a member of the surgical staffs of the Leigh Memorial Hospital and St. Vincent de Paul Hospital and a member of the courtesy staff of the Norfolk General Hospital.

Dr. Ashburn is one of those rare men who attain eminence in the professions, yet prove their exceptional abilities in business affairs as well. He is a member of the boards of directors of the Merchants and Planters Bank and the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association. He is a member of Doric Lodge No. 40, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Ionic Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Princess Anne Country Club, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and St. Bride's Episcopal Church. When his demanding schedule of professional duties allows it, Dr. Ashburn enjoys escaping into the out-of-doors on occasion and is an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman.

In New York City, on October 17, 1922, Dr. Horace Godwin Ashburn was married to the former Miss Serena Hankins of Spring Lake, New Jersey. She is the daughter of the late Paul and Fannie (Hankins) Hankins of Toms River, New Jersey. Mrs. Ashburn is a registered nurse, a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. She is active in community affairs. She has rendered valuable service on the Women's Auxiliary of St. Vincent de Paul Hospital and is also active in the auxiliary of the Norfolk County Medical Society. She is an active member of St. Bride's Episcopal Church. Dr. and Mrs. Ashburn are the parents of two children: i. Horace Godwin, Jr., who was born on June 17, 1925. He is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Animal Husbandry. He is a veteran of World War II service with the United States Army Air Force. At the present time, Horace G. Ashburn, Jr., is engaged in livestock farming near Hickory in Norfolk County, and he is serving as president of the Norfolk Country Farm Bureau. He is married to the former Miss Paulette Pifer, of Winchester, and they are the parents of three children: i. Paulette. ii. William Godwin. iii. Robert Sheffield. 2. Serena Ashburn, who was born on

August 8, 1927. She is a graduate of St. Mary's Junior College at Raleigh, North Carolina, and of Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. She holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is married to Colonel R. B. Wilde of the United States Marine Corps, who is at present stationed in Washington, D. C. Colonel and Mrs. Wilde make their home in Arlington, Virginia. The family residence of Dr. and Mrs. Horace Godwin Ashburn is at 713 Sparrow Road, on the eastern branch of the Elizabeth River near the city of Norfolk. The address of the clinic is Jackson and Ohio streets in South Norfolk.

PETER K. BABALAS, who began his practice in Norfolk in 1950, is now a partner in the firm of Babalas and Breit, Attorneys and Counsellors at Law, which has its offices in the Helena Building at Plume and Granby. Both during and since World War II, he has served in the Army, and he is active in community and organizational life.

Born July 8, 1922, in Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Babalas is a son of Kostas and Catherine (Milonas) Babalas. Both parents were born in Greece, and his father came to this country in 1915, locating at Manchester, New Hampshire, before settling in Boston. In Manchester he and a brother operated a lumber yard. He entered the restaurant business in Boston and later continued in the same field at Waltham, Massachusetts. He retired in 1948 and now resides in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mrs. Babalas also survives. Both were born in 1894.

Reared in Boston and receiving his early education in its public schools, Peter K. Babalas graduated from Rindge Technical High School in 1941 and began his advanced education at Harvard University. In January 1943, he left his studies to enter the United States Navy as an air cadet, but not qualifying as a flyer, he left the Naval Air Corps and in May 1943, joined the United States Army. He served overseas, holding a commission as first lieutenant in the Infantry, and received his honorable discharge in April 1946.

Mr. Babalas then resumed his studies at Harvard University and took his degree of Bachelor of Arts there in 1947. He then came to Virginia and enrolled at the University of Virginia, where he took his professional courses and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in February 1950. On August 25, 1949, he passed his examination for admission to the bar of the state. He began his practice of law in Norfolk in 1950, but the following year was called back into active service in the army and was stationed in Pennsylvania until 1952. He then resumed his practice at

Norfolk, continuing independently until January 1954, when he formed the present partnership with Calvin W. Breit, whose biographical sketch accompanies this.

Taking a vital interest in the commercial life of his city, Mr. Babalas is a stockholder in several companies. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar Association, the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he is a member of Atlantic Lodge No. 2, and of the higher bodies of Masonry. Holding the Thirty-second degree, he is also a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Norfolk lodge No. 38, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, and A. H. E. P. A., a progressive Greek-American group. Of Greek Orthodox faith, he attends the local church of that denomination and is currently secretary of its building fund. Interested in sports, he is a member of the Lafayette Country Club; the Norfolk Sports Club; the Izaak Walton League, Norfolk Chapter; and the Fraternal Order of Police Associates. His especial interests are hunting, fishing, and golf.

Mr. Babalas attended Harvard University on a scholarship. During his most recent stint in the army, he was assigned to the Judge Advocate General's Department and was stationed at the Army War College, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter K. Babalas reside at 115 Beverly Avenue, Norfolk. She is the former Miss Lillie Macheras, daughter of Peter and Florence (Gianakis) Macheras, and both of her parents were born in Greece. They came to America early in the 1900s and located at Columbus, Ohio, where her father operated a restaurant, until his death in 1938 at the age of forty-two. Mrs. Macheras survives him and makes her home at Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. Babalas were married on December 27, 1948. They are the parents of two children: 1. Marcia, born November 14, 1951. 2. Karen, born April 19, 1955.

CALVIN W. BREIT—Member of the law firm of Babalas and Breit, with offices in the Helena Building in Norfolk, Calvin W. Breit is a young professional man who has proved himself a useful member of the community in civic as well as professional connections. A native of Newark, New Jersey, he was born on May 6, 1925, son of Albert and Henrietta (Kessel) Breit. Both parents were born in New York City, and his mother now resides in Norfolk. His father was a merchant in Newark and later in the state of Texas, and in 1940 he came to Norfolk and

operated a store there until his death in 1953, at the age of sixty. He was a veteran of military service in World War I, having served in France with the American Expeditionary Force, and was discharged in 1919.

Calvin W. Breit spent most of his boyhood years in Texas, beginning his public school education there and later attending schools in Omaha, Nebraska, and in Duluth, Minnesota. He graduated from high school in Duluth in 1940. He first came to Virginia to attend William and Mary College, Norfolk Division, but left his studies in August 1943, to enter the United States Army. He served in Europe, was hospitalized, and was discharged in February 1946. He then resumed his studies at William and Mary and, after completing his advanced academic courses there, entered New York University Law School. At the end of one year in New York, he returned to Norfolk because of the illness of his father, and there he continued his law studies at the College of William and Mary. When he graduated in 1951, he received both the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Civil Law degrees.

Admitted to the bar, Mr. Breit began practice in his own name in 1951 and in 1954 formed the partnership with Peter K. Babalas, whose biographical sketch accompanies. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar and Virginia Bar Association, and the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association.

He takes a vital interest in community affairs, being a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Of Jewish faith, he is a member of B'nai B'rith. He is fond of hunting, fishing, and golf.

On February 20, 1949, Calvin W. Breit married Mildred Jacobs of Petersburg, daughter of Max and Faye (Schoenbaum) Jacobs. Her father was a native of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Breit make their home at 142 Blake Road and are the parents of three children: 1. Mitchell Mark, born June 25, 1951. 2. William David, born October 23, 1952. 3. Jeffrey Arnold, born April 15, 1955.

HAL J. LYON—Entering the theater management field after spectacular early successes as a musician Hal J. Lyon has been a leader in the business affairs of the Lower Tidewater area since he founded Lyon Realty Corporation, Hal Lyon Enterprises, and two amusement corporations in 1930. He has headed these organizations since, and has become one of the East Coast's major owners and operators of motion-picture houses and of hotels.

Mr. Lyon, who won his early reputation as an organist, was born at Waterloo, Iowa, on September 16, 1909, son of Judson J. and Clara Mary



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(Parker) Lyon. He attended local public schools, and graduated from East Waterloo High School. In his early years he specialized in the study of music, and from 1921 to 1925 was a pupil of C. Albert Scholin at Waterloo, studying piano and organ. As early as 1923 he began earning his reputation as a prodigy of the organ keyboard, in Publix Theaters in Chicago. He continued his studies, however, being enrolled from 1925 to 1927 at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, and learning organ and theory under Frank Van Dusen. As a "boy wonder" organist he was featured from coast to coast between 1923 and 1929. He became an authority on organ accompaniment to motion pictures, and wrote articles on this field of music specialization for "Metronome," "Musical Observer" and "Motion Picture Herald" magazines during 1926-1927. At the age of seventeen he was Supervisor of Music for the Strand Amusement Company of Iowa. In 1944 he took the master course at Westminster Choir School in Princeton, New Jersey, and studied choral conducting under John Finley Williamson, and organ under Dr. Alexander McCurdy. He also took courses at Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and under Dr. Clarence Dickinson. He was organist and choirmaster at Franklin Baptist Church from 1930 to 1945, and continues active as a concert organist. During 1945-1946 he was minister of music at Pace Memorial Methodist Church at Richmond. Since 1946 he has been organist and choirmaster for all festival and special occasions at High Street Methodist Church, Franklin, Virginia, of which he has been a member since 1930. In 1954 he presented a large three-manual Wicks pipe organ and sixty-one-bell carillon to his church in honor of his mother. He also presented a carillon to the Franklin Baptist Church in 1939, while he was minister of music there. While on a tour of sixteen European countries in 1950, he played at regular services at Westminster Abbey, Notre Dame in Paris, and the Monastery of St. Francis of Assisi near Rome.

Due to the critical illness of his wife Mr. Lyon was forced to abandon his musical career professionally, and when he was twenty-one years of age, and much of his achievement in the field of music was still ahead of him, he came to Franklin in 1930 and launched his business career by signing a lease on the Franklin Theatre. The building had been erected in 1921, and had been leased to various chains and independent operators for operation as a theater, but without satisfactory results. It was bankrupt at the time Mr. Lyon assumed management. Although he had had no business experience, and launched his enterprise in the teeth of the depression, he brought success

to the venture. He made many innovations during the next five years. On November 10, 1935, a new theater in Boykins was opened by the young entrepreneur. Within two years of that time, new prospects were apparent at Franklin, where a large paper mill had opened, attracting many new residents. This prompted him to erect the beautiful and modern Lyon's State Theatre on lower Main Street. Another motion-picture house was added to the chain on August 9, 1940, when an attractive modern theater in Waverly was built on a lot presented to Mr. Lyon by a group of twenty businessmen of that town.

In September 1942, Mr. Lyon purchased the interest of the entire group of one hundred and eighty stockholders of the Franklin Amusement Corporation, which had built the Franklin Theatre in 1921. The Elco and Delta theaters in Portsmouth were acquired by the Lyon circuit in 1946; and the year 1950 saw the addition of a three-hundred-car drive-in theater at Carrsville.

Late in the 1940s, new scope and direction were given to Mr. Lyon's enterprises when he turned his attention to the accommodation of guests and tourists visiting Franklin. On July 10, 1947, he acquired the R. A. Pretlow mansion on South High Street and a considerable portion of the Pretlow estate. The mansion was renovated in the style of an early nineteenth-century inn. With gracious overnight accommodations, and serving distinctive food in a charming setting, The Town House, as it has been named, has become one of our nationally famous inns. It was opened to the public on February 29, 1948, and a throng of over five thousand visitors from all parts of the Tidewater area and elsewhere attended the formal opening. Since that time, the inn has been accorded highest ratings in "Gourmet," Duncan Hines' publications, and the A.A.A. books.

Mr. Lyon is president and general manager of Lyon Realty Corporation, Hal Lyon Enterprises, Inc., Franklin Amusement Corporation and Lyon Amusement Corporation. From 1937 to 1942 he was president of Franklin Housing Corporation. His offices are in Lyon's State Theatre Building. In recent years he has continued to expand his business interests to include a large guest ranch in Tucson, Arizona, a housing development in Phoenix, Arizona, and several hotels ranging as far afield as Honolulu, Hawaii.

He of course retains his interest in music, being a life member of the National Federation of Music Clubs and the American Guild of Organists. Active in the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, he was its president from 1938 to 1943. He became a member of the Franklin Rotary Club in 1930, and in 1942-1943 served as its president. He has been a director of music at state, national and

international Rotary conventions. In 1942-1943 he served as president of the Franklin Community Fund, Inc., and from 1944 to 1948, served as chairman of the Southampton County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He was vice president of the Virginia Travel Council for 1955-1956, and is now on its board of directors. Since 1950 he has been a director of the Virginia Motion Picture Owners, and he was general chairman of its annual convention held at the Hotel Chamberlain at Old Point Comfort in 1955. He was president of the Franklin Community Concerts Association in 1952-1953. Since 1930, he has been a member of the Cypress Cove Country Club.

On July 20, 1929, Hal J. Lyon married Marion Louise Basnight. They are the parents of a daughter, Halouise, born May 13, 1930. She is now Mrs. Virgil Enlow McDowell, Jr., and the mother of two children: Michael Enlow McDowell, born May 26, 1952, and Lou Lyon McDowell, born February 28, 1954. Mr. Lyon's residence is opposite the famous Town House.

HOMER LENOIR FERGUSON—Newport News' influential and respected shipbuilding executive, Homer L. Ferguson, was active in his chosen industry from the turn of the century until his recent death. He had served as president and as chairman of the board of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for many years, had other business interests as well, and was active in a diversity of organizations.

Born in Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, on March 6, 1873, he was a son of William Burder and Laura Adelaide (Reeves) Ferguson. After completing his secondary studies, he won appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He graduated there in 1892, but instead of entering naval service, went overseas to continue his education at the University of Glasgow, where he graduated in 1895. In the later years of his life he received honorary degrees of Doctor of Commercial Science from Washington and Lee University (1930), Doctor of Laws from the University of Richmond (1932), Doctor of Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1933), Doctor of Science from Duke University (1933), Doctor of Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1937), and Doctor of Science from William and Mary College (1942).

Mr. Ferguson began his career as assistant naval constructor at the Columbian Iron Works in Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked during 1895-1896. Thereafter until 1899, he was adviser with Wolff and Zeicker, at the Portland, Oregon, Navy Yard. He worked in the Navy

Yard at Bremerton, Washington, during 1899-1900, then went to the opposite coast of the country, to take a position as superintendent of construction with the Bath Iron Works of Bath, Maine.

It was thus with considerable experience in his field that the young man of twenty-nine came to Newport News in 1902, to accept a position as assistant superintendent of construction with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. After two years with the firm, he left for Washington, D. C., where he worked in the Bureau of Construction and Repair, 1904-1905. In the latter year he once again joined Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, and was with the organization thereafter until the end of his life. He advanced rapidly, and in 1915 was elected president of the corporation, and general manager. He served in both offices until 1937, when he resigned as general manager, but retained the presidency. He also continued as president after he had been elected chairman of the board in 1940, but resigned from the chief executive's post in 1946. He remained board chairman to the end of his life.

In addition to his major business interests, he was president and a trustee of the Mariners Museum of Newport News, and a director of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia.

A member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Mr. Ferguson served as its president during the 1928-1929 term. He was also a member of the Shipbuilders Council of America, the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Industrial Conference Board, and the United States Chamber of Commerce, which he served as president in 1919-1920. He was an honorary member of the American Society of Marine Engineers, and of the Propeller Club of the United States.

Mr. Ferguson was active in several learned societies. He served on the council of the American Geographic Society, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa national scholastic honor society. He belonged to the Engineers Club of New York, the Army and Navy Club of Washington, D. C., and the James River Country Club of Newport News. Active in fraternal affairs, he was affiliated with the lodges of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was an Episcopalian.

Mr. Ferguson received honors from foreign governments: the Diploma and Cross of the Legion of Honor, from France, and Belgium's Knight Commander, Order of Leopold II.

September 23, 1896, Homer Lenoir Ferguson

married Eliza Anderson Skinner, daughter of Thomas C. and Belle (Anderson) Skinner. The couple became the parents of six children: 1. William McL., whose biography appears in this work. 2. Homer, Jr. 3. Charles Anderson (deceased). 4. Walter Post (deceased). 5. Isabel, who married Lyman S. Ayres. 6. Elise, who married Storer P. Ware.

The death of Homer L. Ferguson occurred on March 14, 1953.

WILLIAM McLEOD FERGUSON—For the past two decades, William McLeod Ferguson has practiced law at Newport News, and is now senior member of the firm of Ferguson, Yates and Stephens, which has its offices in the First National Bank Building. Throughout the early 1940s he served with distinction as a member of the General Assembly of Virginia, and has held other public and political offices.

A native of Newport News, he was born on March 4, 1906, son of Homer Lenoir and Eliza Anderson (Skinner) Ferguson. His father was a shipbuilder, who was for some years president of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. He served for seventeen years in the United States Navy. William McLeod Ferguson attended the public schools of Newport News through the first year of high school. In 1920 he entered Episcopal High School, where he graduated in 1924. In the fall of that year he entered the University of Virginia, and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts there in 1927, after only three years' study. During the academic year 1927-1928 he attended Harvard Law School, then returned to the University of Virginia, completing his professional courses in its law school and graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1930.

Admitted to the bar of the State of New York, he began practice in September 1930, with the firm of Burlingham, Veeder, Clark, and Hupper, admiralty lawyers. He remained in this connection until July 1936, then returned to his native Newport News and opened his private law office there. He continued to practice independently until 1940, when he became a member of the firm of Skinner and Ferguson. This partnership was terminated by the death of Frederick H. Skinner in May 1944. In September of that year, Mr. Ferguson became a member of the firm of Montague, Ferguson, and Holt. This law partnership was dissolved as of April 1, 1955, and on that date he became senior partner in a newly organized firm, Ferguson, Yates, and Stephens, Attorneys at Law. His partners are Richard T. Yates and J. Warren Stephens.

Mr. Ferguson was first elected to the General

Assembly of Virginia in 1940, and served until January 1946. A "Dixiecrat" in the national presidential campaign of 1948, he served as elector for the Honorable Strom Thurmond. It was also in that year that he began his tenure on the Warwick school board, on which he has served since.

Since his undergraduate days at the University of Virginia, Mr. Ferguson has been a member of St. Anthony Hall. He is also a member of the Anglers Club of New York City, James River Country Club, the Press Club of Virginia, and the Royal Stag Hunt Club. He is a communicant of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Warwick, where he serves as a trustee and member of the Vestry.

In New York City on October 19, 1935, William McLeod Ferguson married Claire M. Murray, daughter of Joseph R. and Clara (Lane) Murray. To Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson five children have been born: 1. Clare Margaret, on November 21, 1936. 2. William McLeod, Jr., born September 23, 1937. 3. Charles Anderson, 2nd, born January 18, 1939. 4. Mary Josephine, born February 21, 1940. 5. David Lane, born December 19, 1942.

JAMES WENDELL CREEF, M.D.—Within a period of a few years, Dr. James W. Creef has built up an extensive general practice of medicine in South Norfolk. He is associated with Dr. Jerome Stanley Gross, also a general practitioner, and their offices are in the Creef-Gross Medical Building at 1201 Jackson Street. Completed in September 1956, and formally opened on November 1 of that year, it is the first modern office building constructed specifically for the use of the medical profession in South Norfolk since 1927. It is a ten-room structure, completely air-conditioned with a Charleston Colonial brick-pattern exterior, and was designed and built with the most modern facilities for the comfort of patients and utility of purpose. There are two suites in the building, and each suite has two examining rooms, a consultation room, and a rest room. At the front of the building is a large central waiting room, with the receptionist's desk built into a wall separating the waiting room from the central passageway. Behind the waiting room and passageway are a laboratory, first-aid room, and utility room. The modern equipment includes laboratory facilities, fluoroscope, intercommunication system for the receptionist, air-conditioning, baseboard heating, and a radio-phonograph system to allow music to be transmitted through the building. Each room has a separate volume control for music. The Creef-Gross Medical Building is furnished to give it a homelike rather than an office or clinic atmosphere.

Dr. James W. Creef was born July 30, 1917,

near Hickory in Norfolk County, son of Seldon B. and Nancy (Basnight) Creef, both of Dare County, North Carolina. He attended the public schools of South Norfolk and in 1933 graduated from the South Norfolk High School. Some time elapsed between the time of his graduation from high school and his medical studies, and during this time he was engaged as an electrician at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He began his advanced studies at the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, where he was a student for one year (1933-1934), and he continued his premedical studies at the University of Virginia. He received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Medical College of Virginia in 1952. Following his rotating internship at Norfolk General Hospital, Dr. Creef began his private practice of medicine at South Norfolk in July 1953.

He is a member of the staff of the Norfolk General Hospital and the courtesy staffs of the St. Vincent de Paul and Leigh Memorial hospitals. As a physician he holds membership in the Norfolk County Medical Society, the Virginia State Medical Association, and the Tidewater Academy of General Practice.

Apart from his professional connections, Dr. Creef is a member of South Norfolk Lodge No. 339, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Ionic Chapter No. 46, Royal Arch Masons in Berkley; the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The two last-named Masonic groups are in Norfolk. In his religious affiliation, he is a communicant of the Chesapeake Avenue Methodist Church of South Norfolk. Masonry and his church membership are the extent of his nonprofessional affiliations.

In the Chesapeake Avenue Methodist Church on June 3, 1941, Dr. James Wendell Creef married Hallie Rose of Norfolk, daughter of Leo B. and Esther (Rogers) Rose of that city. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Teresa Diane, born September 28, 1948. 2. Michael Seldon, born April 18, 1956. The family resides at 603 D Street, South Norfolk.

JEROME STANLEY GROSS, M.D.—Completing his medical studies after his return from military service in World War II, Dr. Jerome Stanley Gross has practiced at South Norfolk since the beginning of his professional career. He is associated with Dr. James W. Creef in practice, with offices in the Creef-Gross Medical Building on Jackson Street. Dr. Creef is the subject of an accompanying sketch, in which is also to be found a description of the remarkable modern profession-

al building which they built and occupy. Dr. Gross is active in hospital connections and professional groups.

A native of Norfolk, he was born on May 21, 1924, son of Michael and Ann Ruth (Spigel) Gross. Both of his parents were born in Baltimore, Maryland. His father, who has been a resident of Norfolk for many years, was a member of the firm of Gross Brothers, long active in the shoe-repairing business in that city.

Dr. Gross received his early education in the public schools of Norfolk and graduated from Maury High School in 1942. He then entered the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, which he attended for one year. At that time his studies were interrupted by the call to the military service of his country. Assigned to the 17th Airborne Division, he served in the European Theater of Operations and on January 7, 1945, was severely wounded during the historic Battle of the Bulge. Following his hospitalization in England he rejoined his outfit and with them returned to the United States, where he was separated from the army at Fort Meade, Maryland, on November 6, 1945.

Resuming his studies at the College of William and Mary, he followed his premedical studies there for two years, then transferred to George Washington University, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1948, having majored in sociology. He next enrolled at the Medical College of Virginia and took his degree of Doctor of Medicine there in 1952. He took a rotating internship at Norfolk General Hospital and in 1953 began his private practice of medicine in South Norfolk.

Dr. Gross has been engaged in a general practice of medicine since that time, and he joined Dr. Creef in 1956. The two had been roommates at medical school. The Creef-Gross Medical Building, to house their offices and full facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of disease, was completed in September 1956, and opened on November 1. In their general practice of medicine, the two physicians serve a large number of patients in all parts of Norfolk and Princess Anne counties.

Besides his private practice, carried on at that address, Dr. Gross is a member of the staff of Norfolk General Hospital. He is a member of the Norfolk County Medical Society, the Virginia State Medical Association, and the Tidewater Academy of General Practice.

Dr. Gross also holds membership in Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his religious affiliation is with Beth El Temple in Norfolk. His favorite sport is fishing.

On June 6, 1950, at Richmond, Dr. Jerome S. Gross married Pearl Kline of Hazelton, Pennsyl-



Robert E. Gibson

vania, daughter of Sam and Minnie (Shloss) Kline, now residents of Princess Anne County. Dr. and Mrs. Gross reside at Avalon Terrace in that county.

ROBERT EDWARD GIBSON—Since the beginning of his legal career, Robert Edward Gibson has practiced at South Norfolk. He has held office as city attorney, and is now commonwealth attorney. He is a progressive young lawyer and an effective worker in civic groups as well.

Born May 15, 1918, at South Norfolk, he is a son of Luther Harrison and Bertha (Bunnell) Gibson. His father was born in 1893 in the Rosemont section of Portlock, which in recent years has been annexed to South Norfolk. He was descended from forebears long associated with the development of that area, but his own career came to an untimely end while he was still in his twenties, in an accident which occurred in 1921. His wife, the former Bertha Iola Bunnell, was a native of New Haven, Connecticut, and daughter of Albert A. and Maude Adelaide (Vibbert) Bunnell. She was descended from early settlers in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Following the death of her husband, she was married in 1924 to Dr. Luther Clyde Ferebee. Dr. Ferebee, who died at South Norfolk in 1952, was a prominent physician and surgeon, and distinguished himself in public office as well. He was a member of the General Assembly from 1914 to 1916; was sheriff of Norfolk County from 1916 to 1920; and was county coroner from 1930 to 1942. He was influential in political circles. Mrs. Bertha (Bunnell-Gibson) Ferebee died in South Norfolk in 1942. By her first marriage, to Mr. Gibson, she was the mother of two children: 1. Helen Virginia, who died January 6, 1926. 2. Robert Edward.

Graduating from South Norfolk High School in 1935, Robert E. Gibson continued his academic studies for three years at Hampden-Sydney College, and for a time was employed as a chemist. For his law studies, he entered the University of Richmond, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1948. The same year he began active practice at South Norfolk in association with the late Honorable Q. C. David, Jr., judge of the corporation court of South Norfolk. This partnership continued until January 1, 1951. In addition to his general practice, Mr. Gibson served from 1948 to 1950 as town attorney of Portlock, since merged with South Norfolk; and he was city attorney of the latter city from January 1, 1951, until March 1, 1956. In November 1954, while serving in that office, he was appointed to his present post as commonwealth attorney in South Norfolk, to fill out the unexpired term of Jerry G. Bray, Jr., who had succeeded Judge Davis as judge of the cor-

poration court. In 1947, Mr. Gibson served for a time as assistant trial justice of South Norfolk. Meantime, besides his many public duties, he capably carries on a general practice of law, with offices at 1107 Poindexter Street. He is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar Association.

His fraternities are Delta Theta Phi (law) and Lambda Chi (honorary scholastic). Active in civic affairs, he is a member and past president of the South Norfolk Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Lions Club and the Southside Business Men's Club. Since 1948 he has served as secretary of the South Norfolk Democratic party organization and was an alternate delegate to the 1956 National Democratic Convention in Chicago, Illinois. He enjoys sports as a spectator, and is fond of fishing. He is a communicant of the Rosemont Christian Congregational Church on Bainbridge Boulevard. The Gibson family donated the site on which this church is erected, and Gibson Street, nearby, took its name from them.

At Raleigh, North Carolina, on January 10, 1945, Robert E. Gibson married Margaret Elizabeth McHorney of South Norfolk. They live at 1401 Earl Street in that city.

HENRY STEELE LEWIS—Norfolk's publishing and broadcasting executive Henry Steele Lewis was for eight years president of Norfolk Newspapers, Inc., publishers of the Virginian-Pilot and the Ledger-Dispatch, and also an official of WTAR Radio Corporation. Although educated as a chemist, he early turned his attention to publishing as a career, and learned the newspaper business under the tutelage and in close association with S. L. Slover, now chairman of the board of Norfolk Newspapers, Inc., and the late Paul S. Huber, whom he succeeded as president. While he shunned the spotlight, Mr. Lewis was always active, both as publisher and as private citizen, on behalf of charitable and civic enterprises.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 25, 1900, the publisher was the son of George H. and Regina (Steele) Lewis. He moved with his parents to Norfolk in 1903. His father, an electrical engineer, had been sent to that city to supervise the electrification of the Chesapeake Transit Company's line to Virginia Beach by way of Cape Henry. Henry S. Lewis received his early education at Norfolk Academy, and later attended Episcopal High School at Alexandria, Virginia. Then, as his father had done before him, he enrolled at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. There he received his degree of Bachelor of Chemistry in 1923. The year he entered there, he was in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

After graduation from Cornell, Mr. Lewis was employed by the Dunlop Rubber Company in Buffalo, New York, and Baltimore, Maryland. In April 1926, he became associated with the Ledger-Dispatch as assistant treasurer and assistant secretary. Seven years later he was elected secretary and treasurer of Norfolk Newspapers, Inc. In 1935, he took on the additional duties of business manager of the two newspapers, the corporation having meantime acquired the Virginian-Pilot as well. In 1945, he was promoted to vice president, continuing as treasurer and business manager; and on October 14, 1946, he was promoted to the presidency of Norfolk Newspapers, Inc., succeeding the late Paul S. Huber.

Mr. Lewis proved himself an executive of modern and progressive views, and humane motivations. During his long association with the newspapers, he encouraged the granting of many benefits to employees, including hospitalization, insurance and retirement provisions.

Mr. Lewis was vice president and treasurer of WTAR Radio Corporation. He was a director of Richmond Newspapers, Inc., Seaboard Citizens National Bank, as well as Norfolk Newspapers, Inc., Ledger-Dispatch Corporation, and WTAR Radio Corporation. He was secretary and assistant treasurer of the S. L. Slover Corporation.

He found the time to make a vital contribution to the civic life of Norfolk. For a number of years he was president of the Union Mission. He had worked effectively with the Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America, in which his father had long been a leader. He was a member of the Virginian Club, the Princess Anne Country Club, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and Chi Phi fraternity. An Episcopalian in religious faith, he attended Eastern Shore Chapel.

On October 22, 1930, Henry Steele Lewis married Miss Virginia Syer of Portsmouth, daughter of Charles and Grace (Watts) Syer. The couple became the parents of a son, H. S. Lewis, Jr., born October 27, 1933. He graduated from Princeton University, and is now a medical student at the University of Virginia.

Mr. Lewis' death occurred on October 24, 1954. The following appraisal of his place in the community, appearing in the editorial columns of a local newspaper, conveys to us much of the character and nature of the man:

Although Mr. Lewis never indulged in extremes of self-effacement, he avoided personal publicity and chose to play a highly important role in the life of the community with a quiet reserve that marked him in all his activities. Unobtrusively, he gave his support and the support of the newspapers of which he was the head to a vast number of worthwhile community enterprises. An important part of his contribution to his times was the manner in which he directed the newspaper operations in the performance of the

public service to which they are committed.

The death of Mr. Lewis at an age when many more years of usefulness seemed sure to lie ahead, is reason for regret on the part of the business world of which he was a part, and is a cause of genuine sadness on the part of those both inside and outside the corporations with which he was connected who felt the influence of his personality and his kindly spirit.

QUINTON CLARENCE DAVIS, JR.—Few men in the history of the Tidewater region have been held in as universal esteem and affection as the late Quinton Clarence Davis, Jr. As attorney, mayor, legislator, judge and civic leader he consistently bent his efforts toward the advancement of the commonwealth. He occupied a unique place in the affairs of South Norfolk, where his activities always centered. Known affectionately as Q. C., Judge Davis was one of the most striking personalities of his times.

He was born in Pasquotank County, North Carolina, on September 9, 1884, son of Rev. Quinton C., Sr., and Sarah Elizabeth (Davis) Davis. Both parents were likewise natives of Pasquotank County, and his father was a Baptist clergyman, at one time serving as pastor of the South Norfolk Baptist Church. He died at Eustis, Florida, in 1926. He was a son of John Smithson and Emma Virginia (Sawyer) Davis, and his father was a planter and surveyor in Pasquotank County. Sarah Elizabeth (Davis) Davis was the daughter of Wilson Davis, a planter and a brick and stone mason, who built the first county courthouse in Pasquotank County. His wife was the former Elizabeth Halstead. Of Welsh origin, the Davises were among the families whose forebears had settled in Pasquotank County in colonial times.

Judge Q. C. Davis attended the public schools of Virginia, Chester, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, and completed his secondary studies at Camden, New Jersey, where he graduated from high school. He then attended the University of North Carolina, but transferred to the University of Richmond to complete his professional studies, receiving his law degree there in 1912. He began his active practice in New Jersey, and in his early career was also a member of the Pennsylvania bar. In 1914 he located at South Norfolk, and he also maintained law offices in Norfolk. He held the reputation in legal circles of being a forceful and colorful figure at the bar, particularly in his presentation of a defense case. He took part in many notable cases. He possessed many of the traits of the earlier circuit-riding lawyers, who adopted an oratorical and dramatic style in the courtroom and political campaigns, who made frequent use of quotes from the Bible and other fundamental books, who acquired a shrewdness in appraising humanity,

and who reflected much of the spirit which permeates American humor. Excelling in these same traits, Judge Davis was recognized as without peer in pleading his cases. He was active, zestful, argumentative, sometimes impish, often gleeful, and always warmly human.

His election by the General Assembly to the judgeship of the new corporation court of the city of South Norfolk came to him as a logical honor after many years of practice. As judge of South Norfolk's first court of record, as the city became a municipality of the first class, he took the oath of office on April 12, 1952. In the editorial columns of the Portsmouth "Star," the following tribute was paid him, which also sketched something of his previous career in public life:

Q. C. Davis, a practitioner at the bar for many years, himself a former member of the General Assembly from Norfolk County for ten years, South Norfolk's first Town Mayor in 1919, and long its Town and City Attorney, had held the esteem of his neighbors in South Norfolk through a long life of service to them. His active churchmanship, his devoted family life and his constancy in the cause of friendship, built in both business and political affiliation, gave him all that former political adversaries, who had now come to honor him, needed for their justification . . . Q. C. Davis will not be found lacking in the performance of judicial duty. On the other hand he will do honor to the bench over which he will preside. This tribute which is given in heartfelt measure also comes from columns that have not always been in accord with some political stands taken or followed by the new South Norfolk jurist. But the world has known that Q. C. Davis never faltered in loyalty to man or cause where favor had been accorded or trust placed in him. Indeed, what attribute could be superior!

He filled the important post of judge of the corporation court of South Norfolk until his death on August 31, 1954. This event came as a distinct shock to people throughout the state, as he had become widely known. Among the tributes to his memory was the following from the editorial pages of the Norfolk "Virginian-Pilot" of September 1, 1954:

The public record of Judge Davis is full of his activities, and nearly all of them—this too was characteristic—were concentrated in South Norfolk which above all places he loved. There he was the town's first mayor, town and city attorney, legislator for several terms, political manager in local, district and to some extent in state affairs, and, late in his life, judge. There he was the center of nearly everything. And there he left his imprint on a community where everybody knew him and he knew everybody. But it is impossible to measure the life of a man like Q. C. Davis, Jr., by official yardsticks. To an extraordinary degree the personality was the man. His death leaves a vacancy in South Norfolk that is not likely to be filled.

The South Norfolk City Council passed a resolution on the occasion of his death, which read in part:

The lasting memory of Q. C. Davis, Jr., will live and

blossom and flourish in the hearts of his fellow citizens and it seems most appropriate to say at his death that "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."

In private affairs, Judge Davis was a member of the South Norfolk Baptist Church, the Civitan Club, Norfolk Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Berkley Red Men and Willie Lee Lodge No. 119, Knights of Pythias. His fraternity was Delta Theta Phi.

In 1909, Judge Q. C. Davis married Lola Gertrude Diggs, daughter of John Franklin and Susan (Morgan) Diggs of Mathews County, Virginia. Her father was a planter and served in Lee's Army of Virginia in the War Between the States. Lola Gertrude (Diggs) Davis died in South Norfolk on July 7, 1942. The couple were the parents of five children: 1. Virginia Marie, a graduate of West Hampton College. She married James Gardner Knowlton of Norfolk. Now residing in Atlanta, Georgia, they are the parents of two children: Jane Jones and Marie Gardner Knowlton. 2. Quinton Clarence, III, of South Norfolk. He attended the College of William and Mary, served in the United States Army in World War II, and married Thelma Creef of South Norfolk. They are the parents of a son, Quinton Clarence, 4th. 3. Rose Gertrude, who received her degree of Bachelor of Arts from Mary Washington College. She married John Hodges Morrisette, hardware merchant in the Berkley section of Norfolk. They are the parents of two children: Anne Davis and John Hodges Morrisette, Jr. 4. Emma Jane, who received her degree of Bachelor of Arts from Martha Washington College and was formerly active in public affairs, serving as a member of the South Carolina State Legislature. She married William Luther McDermott of Rock Hill in that state, and they are the parents of three children: Lola Davis, Emma Jane and William Luther McDermott. 5. Jefferson Davis, a graduate of Elon College and the College of William and Mary. During World War II he served in the United States Fifteenth Air Force in Italy, and is now a member of the faculty of Princess Anne High School. He married Janet Rowe of Hampton, Virginia.

The stately Davis home at 1106 Chesapeake Avenue was always one of the focal points of South Norfolk hospitality. There the judge reared his family and found his greatest joy in their company, as well as among his flowers and the books of one of the finest libraries in the region. He was very much interested in beautifying South Norfolk, and with W.P.A. workers during the depression, he made Lakeside Park a place of beauty. He had hopes of a museum for the park, and had collected many souvenirs and items of historical interest for display.

High ideals of service to his fellowmen, both in private life and in positions of public trust, was a guiding star in the career of Judge Davis. Honored and respected in his lifetime, he has won a secure place in the affectionate remembrance of an entire city.

ALLAN RANDOLPH HOFFMAN—Since the close of World War I, Allan Randolph Hoffman has operated his own business as ship agent. With headquarters at 2310 West Avenue, Newport News, he serves as local representative of a number of the major steamship lines with piers at Hampton Roads. At present, he is serving as chairman of the Newport News Port Commission.

He was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 27, 1892, son of Allan R. and Elizabeth C. (Peterson) Hoffman. His father, also born in that city, on December 25, 1860, was an engraver by trade. He died on April 25, 1908, but his wife, the former Elizabeth C. Peterson, is still living, being in her ninety-fifth year at the time of writing. She too is a native Philadelphian.

The family came to Newport News in Allan Randolph Hoffman's early years, and he received his education in the public schools of that city, graduating from its high school in 1917. For two years he attended the College of William and Mary, and left to begin his business as a ship agent, forming the firm of Allan R. Hoffman and Company in 1919. The concern has continued to operate successfully under that name to the present time. The Hoffman Building, which houses its offices, was erected by Mr. Hoffman in 1937.

Since the Newport News Port Commission was formed in 1954, Mr. Hoffman has served as a member and is now its chairman. For nineteen years he has been a member of the local board of education. Besides his major business connection, he is president of the Travelers Aid Society, and vice president of the Tri-City Corporation and the Propeller Club of Newport News. He is a member of the Rotary Club and served as its secretary for several years. His other memberships include the James River Country Club and Peninsula Lodge No. 278, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. A member of the Newport News Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, he holds the Thirty-second degree, and is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is an active communicant of Trinity Methodist Church. In his politics he is a Democrat.

At Staunton, Virginia, on September 2, 1920,

Allan Randolph Hoffman married Rose Collins Harman of that city, daughter of Ernest M. and Bettie (Collins) Harman. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Rosellen, who is the wife of G. Guy Via, Jr. 2. Martha Elizabeth, who married Walter W. Eames, Jr. 3. Allan R., Jr. Mr. Hoffman has three grandchildren: G. Guy Via, 3rd, Rosellen Randolph Via, and Charlotte Christian Eames.

EDWARD NELSON ISLIN—A little more than three decades ago, Edward Nelson Islin began his career with The Bank of Virginia at Newport News, and he is now vice president, and manager of its Newport News office at 2805 Washington Avenue.

Born in that city on August 11, 1904, he is a son of John Alexander and Agnes (Smith) Islin. His father came to the South from Carbon County, Pennsylvania, and died on October 13, 1954. Agnes Smith, whom he married, was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and she died on April 11, 1941. Attending the public schools of Newport News, Edward N. Islin graduated from high school there in June 1920. His advanced studies were taken at the College of William and Mary, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1925.

In that year he joined the staff of The Bank of Virginia at Newport News. He held various positions there and at the bank's branches in Richmond and Roanoke, and was well qualified by his varied experience for the responsibilities of vice president, to which office he was named in 1944. At the same time he became manager of the Newport News office where he had begun his connection.

Mr. Islin has taken a positive role in welfare work in his home city. He is past chairman of the Newport News-Warwick Chapter of the American Red Cross and is now serving as treasurer and member of the board. He was formerly fund chairman of the Community Chest. He is a past president of the James River Country Club, and past president of the Newport News Rotary Club. His other memberships include the Lodge No. 315, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Theta Delta Chi social fraternity. Mr. Islin is a Democrat in his politics, and a Methodist in his religious faith. He serves on the official board of the First Methodist Church of Warwick. Golf and fishing are his favorite sports.

At Suffolk, Virginia, on October 15, 1927, Edward Nelson Islin married Mary Elizabeth Eley of that city, daughter of W. Hatcher and Beulah (Savage) Eley. The couple are the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth Eley, who is now the



Chas. B. Rogers

wife of Robert L. Saffelle, Jr., of Salisbury, North Carolina.

CRAWFORD STANLEY ROGERS—As president and general manager of the Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation, the late Crawford Stanley Rogers occupied a position of prominence in the public and civic affairs of his city, as well as in his industry. He contributed much to the advancement of his city, and in recognition of his place as one of Norfolk's "First Citizens," received the Cosmopolitan Club Award for 1954.

Member of a distinguished American family, he was descended from colonial settlers in Virginia, and was born at Norfolk on September 27, 1885, son of Joseph Stanley and Addie Aurelia (Moore) Rogers. His father was a businessman of Norfolk, born there on September 26, 1859, and died in the same city on January 2, 1912. He was in turn a son of Crawford Rogers, a drygoods merchant of Norfolk and a veteran of Confederate service, who was born on January 6, 1837, and died September 7, 1920. He married Mary Elizabeth Diggs, born March 11, 1837, died April 19, 1916. Their marriage took place on April 28, 1858. William Diggs, great-grandfather of Crawford Stanley Rogers, was born September 2, 1809, and died September 13, 1866. His wife, Julia Anne (Foster) Diggs, was born February 10, 1813, and died January 11, 1876; and her father, Isaac Foster, was born in 1789, son of Captain Isaac Foster, who died in 1805. He served as a lieutenant and later as captain of a company under the command of Captain Josiah Foster and Colonel John Peyton in the Revolution. He was in command of his company at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered.

Addie Aurelia (Moore) Rogers was born November 18, 1862, and died September 19, 1916. She was a daughter of Harvey and Julia (Fatherly) Moore of Norfolk.

Completing his formal education in the public schools of Berkley Ward, city of Norfolk, Crawford Stanley Rogers began his career in 1903, with the Southern Railway, working in various positions until 1907. Thereafter until 1916 he was associated with the Garrett Wine Company of Norfolk as bookkeeper and secretary.

It was in 1916 that Mr. Rogers formed the connection with Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation which was to continue for the duration of his career. He joined the organization in the capacity of assistant secretary; and during 1925-1926, was general manager as well as assistant secretary. He was vice president and general manager from 1926 to 1944, and in the latter year became president of the corporation, continuing

his duties as general manager. Under his capable management, the company grew into one of the major industries of Tidewater Virginia. During the World War II years, when its operations were at peak volume, there were about twenty-five hundred employees on the payroll.

Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation had its beginning shortly after the turn of the century, when F. O. Smith and Charles McCoy formed a partnership known as the Smith and McCoy Shipbuilding Company. Its plant was at the foot of the Campostella Bridge. With the death of Mr. McCoy several years later, the company became the F. O. Smith Shipbuilding Company; and when the other partner died in 1916, the plant was purchased by the present owners. Incorporation under the present name took place in 1916. Today, there are three completely equipped ship repair plants in the Norfolk Harbor, a twelve-thousand-ton floating dry dock, a five-thousand-ton Crandall railway, a four-thousand-ton floating dry dock, and three thousand-ton marine railways. These, effectively used by the company, play a large part in keeping Norfolk in the lead as a shipping center.

The first president of the corporation when it was formed in 1916 was George W. Roper, who became chairman of the board in 1945. He was succeeded by Mr. Rogers.

Besides heading this large corporation, Mr. Rogers had many other interests. He served on the boards of directors of the National Bank of Commerce, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia Manufacturers Association, Norfolk Community Chest, Patriotic Education, Inc., the National Association of Manufacturers, and Norfolk Industrial Commission. From 1948 to 1951, he served as a director of the Norfolk City School Board; and over the same three year period, was a director of Tidewater Hospitalization Association. He was a member of Southern Industrial Relations Conference; and in 1954 became president of the Tidewater Virginia Development Council. He was a member of the board of directors of the Shipbuilders Council of America, and chairman of the board of the Norfolk Port Authority. He was past chairman of the Hampton Roads Maritime Association.

During World War II, he was awarded a Certificate of Service, for voluntary and noncompensated services rendered to the War Manpower Commission in the Hampton Roads area. In 1952 he received the "Man of the Year in Industry" Award of the Norfolk Industrial Management Club—a choice concurred in by the clubs of Portsmouth and Richmond. The Cosmopolitan Club of Norfolk selected him as First Citizen for 1954. Mr. Rogers was a member of the advisory

board of the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, and of Virginia Polytechnic Institute Extension. He served as co-chairman of the MacArthur Memorial Committee in 1951. He was chairman of the recruitment committee for teachers, Norfolk Public Schools; was president of Norfolk Servicemen's Club for Armed Services Personnel from 1951 to 1955; and was chairman of the board of the Norfolk Navy Young Men's Christian Association. In the service of the people of his home city, Mr. Rogers was a member of the Norfolk Tax Commission from 1946 to 1948; and in the latter year he became president of the Leigh Memorial Hospital.

A member of the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk, he served as its president in 1940; and he was president of the Propeller Club of Norfolk during 1937-1938. He was a member of the Norfolk Executives Club, the Virginia Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, and Berkley Lodge No. 167, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was past master. Active in the higher bodies of Masonry, he was a member of Ionic Chapter No. 46, Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Another major organizational interest was the patriotic societies. He was a member and past president of Norfolk Chapter, Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and was a past president of the Virginia society as well. He was past vice-president-general of the South Atlantic District, and a member of the board of trustees of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. Rogers was a communicant of Ghent Methodist Church, and served as chairman of the board of stewards in 1938-1939. He was chairman of the committee which financed and built eight homes in Norfolk for retired Methodist ministers. Gardening was his hobby, and he was especially interested in floriculture, successfully raising camellias and azaleas.

On March 22, 1910, Crawford Stanley Rogers married Columbia Taylor Bott of Norfolk, daughter of James A. and Georgie R. (Sturgis) Bott. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers became the parents of a daughter, Frances, who married James R. Coates of Norfolk, assistant vice president of Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation. Mr. and Mrs. Coates are the parents of two children: 1. Crawford Rogers. 2. James Ironmonger Coates. The Rogers home is at 5315 Edgewater Drive, and Mrs. Rogers maintains a summer place at Blue Ridge Summit in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Rogers' death, on June 4, 1956, deprived his region of one of its most capable and dis-

tinguished industrialists, and his home city of a loyal and useful citizen.

Of many resolutions passed and presented to Mrs. Rogers, we quote from one passed by the National Association of Manufacturers:

Possessed of keen mind, his exceptional ability, his clear judgment and wise counsel combined with his high sense of honor commanded the respect of all those associates who had contact with him and the memory of his cheerful, kind and lovable qualities and sterling character will be an abiding inspiration to all those who enjoyed his friendship.

WILLIAM ALLEN CHARTERS—A mortgage and investment banker whose entire career has been centered in Norfolk, William Allen Charters is now president of Investment Corporation of Norfolk. He is also an official of other corporations and is active in real estate development, civic causes, and welfare work.

Mr. Charters is a native of Norfolk and was born on February 26, 1894, son of Charles Linwood and Elizabeth Frances (West) Charters. The financial executive received his entire formal education in the public schools of his city. He began his career in 1912 with the Norfolk Bank for Savings and Trusts, which later became the Trust Company of Norfolk, and he remained with that organization until 1927. He has since been identified with the Investment Corporation of Norfolk, beginning his connection in the capacity of secretary-treasurer in 1927. He was named vice president in 1941 and president in 1950.

Mr. Charters is also president of Lakewood, Inc.; president and director, Norfolk-Justice Insurance Corporation; and vice president and director, Nansemond Hotel. He is currently serving as chairman of the Employees' Retirement System of the city of Norfolk, and he is a member of the Board of Review for Real Estate Assessments for the City of Norfolk. He serves on the board of trustees of the Leigh Memorial Hospital, is on the board of directors of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and attends the Church of the Good Shepherd. He is a member of the Princess Anne Country Club; the Virginia Club; the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Ruth Lodge No. 89; and Consistory and Khedive Temple, of the Shrine, in Norfolk.

On July 12, 1924, William Allen Charters married Emma Jane Mercer. They make their home at 1302 Harmott Avenue.

HENRY LESLIE LAM, JR.—One of the younger men practicing law in Norfolk, Henry Leslie Lam, Jr., who resides at Virginia Beach, has his own firm, with offices in the Board of Trade Building. He is a veteran of Air Corps

service in World War II, and has held responsible posts in veterans' organizations.

Born November 21, 1922, in Norfolk, Mr. Lam is a son of Henry L., Sr., and Elizabeth (Bliss) Lam. Both of his parents are native Virginians, his father having been born at Goshen and his mother at Farmville. The elder Henry L. Lam was for twenty-five years with the Southern Sanitary Company, of Norfolk, a wholesale dealer in janitors' and cleaning supplies, and advanced to the position of secretary and treasurer in that organization. He died August 8, 1938, at the age of sixty-three. His wife, the former Elizabeth Bliss, lived to the age of seventy and died February of 1949.

Reared in Norfolk and receiving his early education there, Henry L. Lam, Jr., completed his preparatory studies at Augusta Military Academy at Fort Defiance, from which he graduated. He completed his advanced studies after his service in World War II. Enlisting in the United States Army Air Corps in 1943, he was commissioned a lieutenant, and served as an instructor in flying. He received his honorable discharge on December 5, 1945.

Mr. Lam then resumed his education at William and Mary College, took his degree of Bachelor of Arts there in 1950, and two years later received his degree of Bachelor of Civil Law from the Williamsburg branch of the same college. Admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia in 1952, he began practice as an associate in the firm of Kellam and Kellam in Norfolk, and remained with that partnership until February 1955. He left to open his own office for a general practice of law, in the Board of Trade Building, Norfolk. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar and the Virginia State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association.

Active in the American Legion, Mr. Lam has held office twice as commander of Princess Anne Post No. 113. He is past Judge Advocate of the Department of Virginia of the Legion, and Grand Advocate of the Forty and Eight. He is a member of the Tidewater Automobile Association, the Wythe Law Club of the College of William and Mary (of which he is past president), the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Princess Anne Ruritan Club, and Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity. Mr. Lam and his family attend the First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach, and he serves as an usher there.

In September 1942, Henry L. Lam married Edna Goodman of Mooresville, North Carolina, daughter of Mack and Lelia Goodman. Her father is a retired farmer and lives in Mount Ulla, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Lam have two children:

1. Gary, who was born July 11, 1943, in Chico, California. 2. Bliss, born on April 8, 1948, in Norfolk. Mrs. Lam is active in church work, and is president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion.

GEORGE KEITH McMURRAN—In the insurance business since the conclusion of his active wartime service in the United States Navy, George Keith McMurren is now vice president and general manager of the Newport News firm of Bowen Company. He is currently serving as an official of the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents.

Born November 20, 1920, at Newport News, he is the son of Lewis A. and Agnes Barclay (Epes) McMurren. His father was also a native of the Lower Tidewater area, born at Portsmouth. He trained as a lawyer and practiced at Newport News, where he died on January 12, 1930. His wife, the former Agnes B. Epes, was born in Franklin, Kentucky, and died November 1, 1949. Attending the public schools of his native city, G. Keith McMurren graduated from Newport News High School in 1937, and entered Washington and Lee University, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1941. Shortly afterwards he enlisted for service in the United States Navy. In the course of his four years in uniform, he advanced in rank from ensign to lieutenant, junior grade, and lieutenant. Separated from active service in December 1945, he retains the rank of lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

In January 1946, Mr. McMurren joined the general insurance firm, Bowen Company, with headquarters at 136 Twenty-eighth Street in Newport News. He has been its vice president and general manager since 1954. Active in the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents since he entered the field, he now holds office as its vice president.

In his home area he is a member of the James River Country Club, Hampton Roads German Club, and the Rotary Club at Warwick, and the Lafayette Gun Club. He is fond of the outdoors, his favorite pastimes being fishing, horseback riding and target shooting. Mr. McMurren's fraternity is Pi Kappa Alpha. He is a Democrat in his politics. Active in the work of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newport News, he serves on its vestry, and he is secretary of the Standing Committee, Diocese of Southern Virginia.

On July 7, 1945, at Newport News, G. Keith McMurren married Jane Beale Saunders of that city, daughter of Joseph H. and Lola (Beale) Saunders. Her father, who is deceased, was

superintendent of schools there. Mr. and Mrs. McMurren have one son, George Keith, Jr., who was born on July 23, 1951.

GEORGE WINN GRANGER—Active in the building supplies industry from the beginning of his career, George Winn Granger is an official of the firm of Ranhorne and Granger, Inc., of Hampton, and of the firm bearing the same name at Williamsburg. He has held office in the Peninsula Building Exchange, and currently heads the Warwick Rotary Club.

Born at Newport News on June 14, 1912, he is a son of George Llewellyn and Maude M. (Winn) Granger. His father is deceased, but his mother is still living. Attending the public schools of Newport News, George W. Granger (who is better known among his friends and business associates as Jack Granger) graduated from the high school in that city in February 1931. He then began a sixteen years' connection with Benson Phillips Company, a building supplies firm in Newport News, and held various positions in that organization, advancing to branch manager and sales manager.

He left in 1947 to become a partner in his present firm, Ranhorne and Granger, Inc., a building supplies firm which has its headquarters at 1736 Pembroke Avenue in Hampton. Since that time he has held office as secretary and treasurer of the corporation. He is also secretary and treasurer of Ranhorne and Granger, Inc., a fuel distributing firm at the same address, and secretary and treasurer of Ranhorne and Granger, Inc., of Williamsburg, a building supplies firm which was opened in that city in March 1956.

In the Peninsula Builders Exchange, Mr. Granger held the office of president in 1955. He was president of the Rotary Club of Warwick for the 1955-1956 term, and is a member of the James River Country Club. He is a Democrat, and attends the Calvary Baptist Church of Newport News.

At Williamsburg, on February 27, 1937, George W. Granger married Evelyn Rogers. She was born in Hilton Village, now a part of Warwick, daughter of William R. and Estelle (Scheelky) Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Granger have two children: 1. George Winn, Jr., who was born on August 28, 1942. 2. Allyson Lee, born March 12, 1946.

CHESTER DALE BRADLEY, M.D. has practiced in the Lower Tidewater area from the early years of his career. At the present time he specializes in obstetrics and has his offices at 2914 West Avenue, Newport News.

Born at Wabash, Indiana, on December 11,

1900, Dr. Bradley is a son of Allen Marshall and Katherine (Dale) Bradley. His father too was a physician, who was born in Rich Valley, Indiana, and practiced in Chicago, Illinois. He died in 1928. Mrs. Bradley, a native of Dora, Indiana, is still living. Dr. Chester D. Bradley attended the public schools of Wabash, Indiana, and when his father moved to Chicago to practice, continued his schooling there. Some years intervened before Dr. Bradley took up his medical studies. He served in the army in World War I, being assigned to Company A, 132nd Infantry Regiment, 33rd Division, as a private. He served overseas one year, and received his honorable discharge in May 1919.

In the early 1930s, he began his study of medicine and attended the University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago. There, in 1935, he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. While completing his courses, he interned at Milwaukee County Hospital, from 1934 to 1936, and in the latter year went to Washington, D. C., where he served as physician with the Veterans Administration. He came to Hampton later the same year, also with the Veterans Administration. In 1941 Dr. Bradley began his private practice in that city. He moved to Newport News in 1945 and, since his arrival there, has specialized in obstetrics. He is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Virginia Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, the American Medical Association, Virginia Medical Society, Virginia Peninsula Academy of Medicine, and the Warwick-Newport News Medical Society.

In 1951 Dr. Bradley assisted Colonel Paul R. Goode, deputy post commander at Fort Monroe, Virginia, in founding the Jefferson Davis Case-mate, which subsequently became the Historical Museum of Fort Monroe. He is a communicant of the Methodist Church.

On September 25, 1942, in Hampton, Dr. Chester Dale Bradley married Miriam Katherine Decker of Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Homer and Christina (Pratt) Decker. Dr. and Mrs. Bradley have no children.

LEOPOLD MARSHALL von SCHILLING was born in Washington, D. C. on March 1, 1874. His mother was Molly Booker of Sherwood, a plantation which was located near the present entrance to the Langley Air Force Base. His father was Major Franz von Schilling of the United States Army, formerly of the army of the Grand Duke of Baden, a member of an old German family known there as Schilling von Canstatt.

Marshall, as he was popularly known in Hamp-



A. M. von Schilling

ton, Virginia, where he spent most of his life, lost his mother when he was a small boy. He was reared by his father in Washington until the age of fifteen years when he came to Hampton to live with his uncle, Hunter R. Booker, while his father went back to Germany to spend his last days, being in ill health.

On February 10, 1890, he went to work at the Bank of Newport News (now the First National Bank of Newport News) as a runner, and was employed in the banking business most of his life.

After leaving the Newport News Bank he was employed as a teller by the Bank of Hampton until June 1903, when he and his Uncle organized the Merchants National Bank of Hampton with which he was connected for the remainder of his life.

He was married in 1904 to Miss Martha Wynne Howard, and there were two sons and a daughter.

In addition to the banking business, he was also in the automobile business from 1911 to 1943.

Prior to the first world war he held a commission as Imperial German Vice Consul, and during the 1920's he was consular representative at the Port of Hampton Roads for the German Republic. During this war, being restricted from military service by the Federal Banking Authorities, he nevertheless held a commission in the United States Secret Service.

In the period after World War I he was instrumental in the organization of a number of banks in the community, including the Bank of Fox Hill, the Old Point National Bank at Phoebus, The Citizens Bank at Poquoson and one in Gloucester County. It was also during this time that the local chapter of the American Institute of Banking was formed, and having been self-educated he was very conscious of the need for an educational program in the field of banking. Therefore he was an ardent supporter of this organization for the proper education of young bankers. This was also the formative period of the Air Force at Langley Field, and he became banker to, and fast friend of, many of the young Air Force Officers who later became the leaders of the nation's Air Force in World War II.

Early in the 1920s he was instrumental in bringing the trawl fishing industry to Hampton, having financed the first locally owned deep sea fishing vessel operating from this port. His hobby was his own boat, and one of his greatest interests was the promotion of the various phases of the sea food industry that offered a means of livelihood to the people of this community.

In 1928 he succeeded his Uncle, H. R. Booker, as president of The Merchants National Bank of Hampton and of the Elizabeth City County Retail Merchants Association.

It was also during the 1920s that he was a member of the Hampton School Board.

His idea of running a bank was that the bank's primary object was to serve the community whose money made the bank's operation possible. He therefore gave preference to local loans which would promote the best interests of the community, and when the bank trouble in 1933 occurred, the investments of his bank included very few of the defaulted foreign bonds which had been sold to some bankers on the lure of their high yield. On the contrary, his portfolio of local loans proved sound, and the confidence of the local people indicated that they were aware of his sound banking policy. The result was that his bank opened promptly with no trouble nor government aid after the banking holiday of 1933.

He was quick to realize the value, as a way out of the depression, of the Federal Housing Program. He made the second Federal Housing Insured mortgage loan in the United States. He became chairman of the Board of the bank in 1944, and continued in that office until his death on his 50th Wedding Anniversary, October 18, 1954, at age eighty years. He was a member of the Hampton Rotary Club and served as its president during the year 1933-1934. He was a 32nd degree Mason, an Elk and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

He was well known in his community and State Banking group for his frankness, wisdom, honesty, integrity, fearlessness and civic mindedness. While never known for his diplomacy, one always knew where he stood, and he was eminently fair to friend and foe alike.

LUCIEN HOWARD von SCHILLING—For over two decades, Lucien Howard von Schilling has been active in the banking profession at Hampton, and he is now president of The Merchants National Bank there. He is a native of that city, born on June 17, 1907, son of Leopold Marshall and Martha (Howard) von Schilling. His father too was a banker, active in business for sixty-four years.

After completing his public school education locally, Lucien H. von Schilling attended Virginia Military Institute, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He went on to advanced studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received his Master of Science degree. At this time he was interested in an engineering career; but when he was later attracted to the banking field, he took courses with the American Institute of Banking, and received both the Pre-Standard and the Standard certificates.

He began his career in 1928 as design and test

engineer with the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, remained through 1929, and in 1930 accepted a position as airplane designer and stress analyst for Bellanca Aircraft Corporation. He joined the staff of Autogiro Specialties Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1931, as design engineer and mathematician.

When the depression struck and aircraft manufacturers were forced to cut their staffs, Mr. von Schilling held temporary positions selling automobiles and working in a Bermuda hotel.

In 1933 he turned his attention to banking, joining the staff of the Bank of Fox Hill as cashier. He remained with that institution until 1936, when he came to Hampton to assume duties as secretary of The Merchants National Bank. Between that time and 1944, he successively held the offices of vice president and executive vice president; and in 1944 he was elevated to the presidency of The Merchants National Bank, a position he has since held.

Mr. von Schilling was a reserve officer in the United States Corps of Engineers and the Coast Artillery Corps between 1929 and World War II, but he was not accepted for active wartime duties because of inability to pass the physical examination.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Hampton, Hampton Yacht Club and the Engineers Club of the Virginia Peninsula, Inc. In his religious faith he is Protestant Episcopal.

At Hampton, on June 12, 1936, Lucien Howard von Schilling married Ruth Evelyn Andrews, daughter of Elton Beecher and Kate Allen (Birchell) Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. von Schilling have one daughter, Ruth Virginia, who was born on July 22, 1940.

JOHN BRACKSTON HUNDLEY—After early experience in the construction and shipbuilding fields, John Brackston Hundley entered the real estate business at Hampton several years ago, and he now heads his own agency, with offices at 3507 Victoria Boulevard. He is active in businessmen's groups and in civic causes.

Born in Floyd County, Virginia, on December 28, 1912, he is a son of George W. and Cora Belle (Reynolds) Hundley. Both of his parents were born in Patrick County, Virginia. His father, who died in 1944, was a farmer. John B. Hundley attended the public schools of Roanoke County, and graduated from the Roanoke County High School in 1930.

He began his business career with the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company at Roanoke, entering the company's employ as a stock clerk and remaining with the organization for three years. At the end of that time he came to the Lower

Tidewater city of Newport News, where for nine years he was employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, working in the shipfitters' department.

He left this industrial connection in 1949 to enter the real estate business, and since October 15, 1952, has headed his own firm with offices on Victoria Boulevard, under the name of Hundley Real Estate.

SAMUEL ROLAND BUXTON, JR.—Since his admittance to the bar in December 1935, Samuel Roland Buxton, Jr., has practiced at Newport News, and he has also served as judge of the municipal court for the City of Warwick. He has banking interests, and takes a considerable interest in fraternal affairs.

He is a native of Newport News, born on August 4, 1912, son of Samuel R. and Elizabeth Lewis (Dimmock) Buxton. His father, who was born in Northampton County, North Carolina, was also a lawyer, and practiced at Newport News from 1900 to 1948. He died in November 1951. Miss Dimmock, whom he married, was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and died in May 1941. The younger Samuel R. Buxton attended the public schools of his native city and in 1930 received his diploma from Newport News High School. He then enrolled at Wake Forest College in North Carolina, was a student there until 1933, and completed his formal education, including his law courses, at the University of Richmond.

After being admitted to the bar of his state, Mr. Buxton practiced at Newport News. He first joined his father, becoming an associate in the firm of Buxton and Buxton, and they continued their professional association until the elder man's retirement in 1948. Since that time Samuel R. Buxton, Jr., has practiced independently. With offices in the Law Building, he conducts a general practice.

In November 1952, he was appointed judge of the municipal court for the City of Warwick. He is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Mr. Buxton serves on the advisory board of the Bank of Virginia, Newport News Branch. He is a Democrat in his politics, and a member of Kappa Alpha and Omega Delta Kappa fraternities. He also holds membership in the James River Country Club and attends St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

On August 17, 1938, at Newport News, Samuel Roland Buxton, Jr., married Ann Goodwin Parker of that city, daughter of Harvey T. and Mollie (Goodwin) Parker. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Mollie Garnett, who was born on July 5, 1940. 2. Elizabeth Peele, born



J. James Davis

January 30, 1942. 3. Samuel Roland, 3rd, born January 23, 1948.

JOSEPH ELLIOTT CARPENTER—Partner in the general insurance and real estate firm of Carpenter Brothers, at Newport News, Joseph Elliott Carpenter entered the realty field after his return from service as an army officer in World War II. He is a native of Brunswick County and was born on January 14, 1914, son of William Ruffin, Sr., and Henrietta (Elliott) Carpenter. His father, who was born in Brunswick County in 1859, was also a realtor, buying and selling such extensive properties as farms and timberlands. He died on April 1, 1944, and Mrs. Carpenter died on May 23, 1954. She too was a native Virginian, born in York County.

Joseph Elliott Carpenter attended public school at Alberta, and he was later a student in the schools of Newport News, completing his high-school education in that city in 1933. He was a student at the University of Virginia for a year and one-half.

Mr. Carpenter's first job was with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, where he worked before attending the state university. After completing his advanced courses, he entered the insurance business in the same city, as a salesman representing the People's Life Insurance Company and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. He later became a broker.

His career was interrupted by service in World War II, and for five years he was in the United States Army, in which he earned a captain's commission in the Transportation Corps. He spent some time in the Pacific Theater of Operations and was separated from the service in March 1946.

He resumed his career with the Abbitt Realty Company in Newport News and after a year and one-half as salesman with that firm, joined his brother, William R. Carpenter, Jr., in establishing their own organization, Carpenter Brothers, in October 1947. They deal in real estate and also write general insurance. Offices of the firm are in their own building (completed in October 1957), which is located at 105 Thirtieth Street, Newport News.

Mr. Carpenter is a member of the Peninsula Industrial Committee. He is also a member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, regional vice president of the Virginia Real Estate Association, and past president of the Newport News-Warwick Real Estate Association. He was nominated Realtor Man of the Year in 1956. Apart from his professional and industrial connections, he belongs to the James River Country Club. He is serving as vestryman and as chairman of the finance committee for the construction of St.

Stephen's Mission Church, which is now being built. In his politics he is a Democrat.

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 16, 1946, Joseph Elliott Carpenter married Carolyn Ivy Ford of Newport News, daughter of Charles E. Ford, whose biography appears in this work, and his wife, the former Mildred Ivy Creasy. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have three children: 1. Cynthia Lee, born January 30, 1947. 2. Joseph Elliott, Jr., born January 17, 1950. 3. Nancy Carolyn, born September 20, 1955.

J. JAMES DAVIS—Over the past thirty-five years, J. James Davis has become one of the most widely known and respected lawyers of South Norfolk and the Lower Tidewater area. He has made substantial contributions toward the progress of his city, and was its mayor from 1936 to 1947. His administration was noteworthy for improvements and long-range planning which will continue to produce benefits for the citizens of South Norfolk. Long active in public affairs, Mr. Davis has also held other important positions of public trust.

A native of Norfolk County, he was born near South Norfolk on March 22, 1896, son of the late Thomas and Mellie (Morgan) Davis. His paternal grandparents were Wilson and Elizabeth (Halstead) Davis, who were both born in Pasquotank County, North Carolina, but lived almost all their lives in Norfolk County, Virginia. Wilson Davis was a substantial farmer. Their son Thomas was born in Pasquotank County, North Carolina, on July 23, 1863, and in 1882, settled in the Elbow Community of Norfolk County, where he continued farming. He died on May 11, 1933. His wife, the former Mellie Morgan, was born in Pasquotank County on March 12, 1866, and died at the Davis family home in Norfolk County on January 25, 1946. She was the daughter of Abner and Anne Morgan, both natives of Pasquotank County and lifelong residents there.

After attending Great Bridge High School (the site of a celebrated conflict of the American Revolution), J. James Davis entered the University of Richmond. He attended for two years, and later passed his Virginia state bar examination, being admitted to practice in 1921. Shortly afterwards he began private practice in South Norfolk, where he has since conducted an extensive general practice of law. With varied experience to his credit, he is recognized as one of the most learned and astute lawyers of Tidewater Virginia.

Since early manhood he has taken a deep interest in civic and public affairs. He served as chairman of the South Norfolk school board from 1927 to 1930, and it was during his tenure that

the South Norfolk High School was erected and plans set in motion for the building of a school system commensurate with the needs of the city. On August 29, 1934, Mr. Davis was appointed conciliation commissioner for Norfolk County by the Honorable Luther B. Way, Judge of the United States District Court, and on October 1, 1936, he was appointed chairman of the group of South Norfolk electors pledged to the support of Franklin D. Roosevelt in the Presidential campaign. The following year he was appointed chairman of the James H. Price Campaign Committee for South Norfolk, and saw his candidate win the election for governor.

Meantime, on December 9, 1936, J. James Davis had been appointed mayor of South Norfolk, and on September 1, 1937, was elected to succeed himself. Successively re-elected over the next decade, he held office until 1947. During his tenure he gave full support to every movement for the benefit of South Norfolk. He inaugurated and brought to successful completion many projects, including the construction of a new city hall, a civic center and two overpasses, and a comprehensive system of street improvements.

Although in recent years Mr. Davis has devoted his time to his extensive practice of law, he remains interested in the affairs of the Democratic party on the county, state and national levels. In the service of his own city, he is now a member of the board of directors and vice president of the South Norfolk Bridge Commission, Inc. He was head of Civil Defense for the City of South Norfolk during World War II. Mr. Davis is a director of the Chesapeake Building Association of Berkley, in Norfolk.

He is past president of the Kiwanis Club of South Norfolk, and a member of the Lions Club, the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club, and South Norfolk Lodge No. 339, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of Ionic Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a past high priest. Mr. Davis's favorite outdoor sport is golf. He is a member of the South Norfolk Baptist Church.

As a lawyer, he is a member of the Norfolk County Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar Association. His law office is in the Merchants and Planters Bank Building.

By his first marriage, Mr. Davis was the father of two children: 1. Joseph James, Jr. 2. Ann Mae (Davis) Ott. J. James Davis, Sr., married, second, Margaret B. Bozeman, and they are the parents of one son, James Morgan Davis. Mr. Davis has four grandchildren: Joseph James, III, and Kathleen Sharon Davis; and Lance M., and Donna Lynn Ott. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Davis is at Linkhorn Park, Virginia Beach.

HARRY A. KEITZ—Throughout the greater part of his career, Harry A. Keitz has headed the freight forwarding and customs brokerage house, Wilfred Schade and Company, which has its headquarters at Newport News. It is an old organization, founded before the turn of the century, and Mr. Keitz incorporated it in 1951, since which time he has been its president. Over the years he has become one of his city's more influential business leaders, identified with banking and with the management of such groups as the Virginia Port Authority.

Born at St. Louis, Missouri, on August 28, 1890, he is a son of Henry and Rose (Schulte) Keitz, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a merchant in St. Louis. In that city Harry A. Keitz received his education, attending the public schools and graduating from high school and from Perkins College. While taking his advanced courses, he had already formed his connection with Wilfred Schade and Company at its St. Louis office, having gone on the payroll there in 1908, sixteen years after the firm was organized.

Mr. Keitz came to Newport News in 1913, transferred there by his company to manage its office in that city. Five years later, in his twenty-eighth year, he purchased the entire interests of the company and has since been its sole owner. Since that time he has played a conspicuous part in the industry centered in forwarding freight shipments to foreign countries. In the period directly following World War II, he took the lead in making Newport News, and particularly Pier No. 8, a vital and busy center in transferring food supplies and other necessities to the near-starving millions of war-ravaged Europe. While directing a full flow of business through company channels, he also took the responsibility of forwarding many cargoes for UNRRA, including food-stuffs, cattle, horses and poultry, and such other requisites as were needed to place European economy on its feet.

He has demonstrated the same quality of selfless endeavor in his relations to his community. For about five years he served on the board of the Virginia Port Authority and was at one time its chairman. He is currently a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Newport News. He has been president of both the old Newport News Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia Peninsula Association of Commerce, and has been active in the programs of the American Red Cross and the Boy Scouts of America.

He is a member of the James River Country Club, and is a Roman Catholic in his religious faith.

On August 19, 1950, Harry A. Keitz married Bessie Channel of Smithfield, daughter of Otis and Bessie (Morris) Channel.

WILLIAM FRANCIS JORDAN is president and general manager of the Moon Engineering Company, Inc., a Norfolk firm engaged in general marine and industrial plant repairs. Its management has represented his major career effort over the past thirty-five years.

A native of Isle of Wight County, Mr. Jordan was born on September 22, 1890, son of William Francis, Sr., and Sarah Elizabeth (Johnson) Jordan, and a descendant of Samuel Jordan, who came to the Virginia Colony in 1609 from England. The elder William F. Jordan was a son of Josiah W. Jordan, a planter of Isle of Wight County. All five of Josiah's sons served in the Confederate States Army. William F. Jordan, Sr., was only a lad of fifteen when he left home to join the forces, in the last phases of the war. In the reconstruction period, he became a general merchant, and his later years were spent at Rescue, Virginia, where he died in 1902. His wife, the former Sarah Elizabeth Johnson, a native of Princess Anne County, survived him until 1940. The couple are buried in St. Luke's Episcopal Church Cemetery near Smithfield, which has been in existence since 1632. The couple were the parents of three daughters and a son: Ella I., Sarah Elizabeth and Susan Darley; and William Francis, Jr., who was the third in order of birth. The sisters are residents of Old Fort Boykins on the James River, and they have taken active roles in the restoration of historic old St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

William F. Jordan received his early education in the public schools of Isle of Wight County. His father's death occurred in 1902, when he was eleven years of age, and necessitated his assuming many of the responsibilities of manhood, including assisting his mother in managing the general store at Rescue. It was not until later years that he was able to resume his education, attending the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg for three years. From 1907 to 1910 he taught school in Isle of Wight County, and he later operated an oyster house at Battery Park, Virginia. There he became interested in public affairs, and served as the first recorder of births and deaths for Isle of Wight County. He was also tax adjuster until 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Navy for service in World War I. He served on patrol duty along the Atlantic Seaboard, and rose to the rank of chief master of arms. He received his honorable discharge at Norfolk on December 11, 1918.

While he was in naval service, his mother and

sisters had established the family home in Norfolk, and there, after the war, he secured a position with the old United States Shipping Board, with which he continued until August 1920.

At that time he joined Guy H. Moon and P. N. Gibbings in the founding of the Moon Engineering Company, Inc. Mr. Moon was its first president, Mr. Jordan at that time held the office of vice president, and Mr. Gibbings was secretary and treasurer. From a modest beginning, the firm has grown to an organization serving a variety of needs of industrial and shipping interests throughout the Lower Tidewater area. Mr. Moon sold his interest in 1928, although out of loyalty to him as a founder, the company still carries his name. Mr. Jordan has since been president and general manager. Mr. Gibbings has continued to serve through the years as secretary-treasurer. Oliver N. May served as vice president from 1945 until his death in 1955, and he was succeeded in that office by T. J. Johnson. Main offices are at 545 Front Street.

The scope of the company's work covers a wide field in general marine and industrial repairs. A compact and highly skilled organization, its equipment includes portable machinery of every description utilized in repair work, which are most generally put into use when ships are unloading and loading. A four-hundred-foot pier operated by the company extends along the waterfront bordering the plant, and there the most modern equipment is housed, for the repair and overhaul of ships' boilers and machinery. The firm's machinists and technicians are skilled in all phases of industrial plant repairs as well. Their cumulative training and experience makes the company a leader in its field, and it justly takes considerable pride in its workmanlike service, and the efficient and conscientious manner in which it carries out all assignments.

A master mechanic, devoted to the technical as well as the managerial aspects of his business, Mr. Jordan finds little time for outside activities. His firm belongs to the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jordan himself is a communicant of the Meadowbrook Episcopal Church. His favorite sport is fishing.

At McKenney, Virginia, on December 31, 1944, William Francis Jordan married Sarah Louise (Ferguson) Rives of Dinwiddie County. A graduate of Farmville State Teachers College, she formerly taught in the public schools of her native county. She is active in the cultural and religious affairs of Norfolk, and is a member of the Great Bridge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Women's Club, Larchmont Garden Club and Larchmont Methodist Church. By

her previous marriage, to the late Aubrey T. Rives of Dinwiddie County. She is the mother of three children: 1. Virgil A. Rives of Norfolk, who married Ruth Hard of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Their two children are Susan Ann and Charlotte Rives. 2. Aubrey T. Rives, Jr., D.D.S., of Norfolk. He married Katherine Maddox of Danville, and they have two children: Sarah Louise and William Francis. 3. Talmadge Rives of Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan make their home at 1125 Manchester Avenue, Norfolk.

JAMES W. POWELL, SR.—Co-founder of the Powell-McClellan Lumber Company, Inc., of Norfolk, James W. Powell, Sr., now holds office as its president and treasurer. His career has been characterized by determination and hard work in the face of trials, and ultimate success, and he is respected for his achievements as well as for his qualities of character. His judgment is respected by all who know him.

Beginning his life with no initial advantages, and orphaned at an early age, he was early thrown on his own resources. He was born September 16, 1891, near Hertford, Perquimans County, North Carolina, son of James Richard and Althea (Jackson) Powell. His father was a native of Isle of Wight County, and was engaged in farming in Perquimans County when his untimely death occurred in 1895. Miss Jackson, whom he married, was a native of that county. Left an orphan when he was quite young, James W. Powell went to live with relatives for a time, working on the farm for his board and attending a nearby country school. In 1907, during the Jamestown Exposition, he made his first trip to Norfolk to visit a married sister. The city stimulated him, and although he returned to his relatives' farm, he carried with him a resolve to find his career in some other field than agriculture.

The following year he returned to Norfolk to live with his sister. His first employment was as delivery boy for a retail grocery store on Chestnut Street, at a wage of two dollars per week, which he paid to his sister as board. He next secured a position delivering ice from four until six each morning, at five dollars per week. This work lasted throughout the summer season, and the next fall he began his career in the lumber industry as an employee of the Surry Lumber Company at a wage of twelve dollars for a seventy-two-hour week. From 1910 to 1914 he was employed in various phases of the industry with the old Forsberg Lumber Company of Berkley, now a part of Norfolk. Leaving this employment, he went to Baltimore, Maryland, where he joined the Dixie Box Company

as a saw filer in charge of saw maintenance at a wage of eighteen dollars per week. As that firm afforded him only part-time employment, he left in 1915 to go on the payroll of the du Pont Power Company at Hopewell, Virginia. He began his connection there as a painter, but was soon placed in charge of the electric motors maintenance department. He remained until 1917, when with the entrance of this country into World War I, he became a machinist at the United States Navy Yard in Portsmouth. In 1919 he left to begin a sixteen-year tenure with the M. T. Blassingham Lumber Company in Norfolk.

He began work there as a saw filer, and was later promoted to foreman of the planing mill. While with this firm, until the mid-1930s, he also operated a private enterprise of his own, maintaining a saw-filing and lawn-mower repair shop on Hampton Boulevard.

In 1935, in the midst of the difficult days of the economic depression, he joined Harry A. McClellan in forming the Powell-McClellan Lumber Company of Norfolk. His partner, who had resigned from a position as shipping clerk with the Blassingham Lumber Company, became the first president of the firm and was in charge of office operations, while Mr. Powell, as vice president, took charge of procedures in the field and was responsible for delivery service. With the death of Mr. McClellan in 1941, Mr. Powell acquired his interests, and has since been directing head of the enterprise.

At the present site of the company, 3200 Lafayette Boulevard, is a plant which covers three city blocks, and has several hundred thousand square feet of floor space. It was at this same location that the firm first began operations in a sixteen-by-forty building. The two partners had two employees, and a delivery truck valued at a hundred and twenty-five dollars. The span between these two conditions of industrial prosperity was built largely through Mr. Powell's efforts. A man of high ideals, vision, faith and determination, he concentrated tirelessly on building one of Norfolk's most complete lumber and building materials supply houses. Today the Powell-McClellan Lumber Company is a "one-stop yard," where one can buy one foot, or a million feet, of a wide variety of lumber. The slogan of the company is, "Big Enough to Serve You, Small Enough to Know You." It carries a complete line of Grade A building materials, from brick and concrete for foundations to shingles for the roof, and a full stock of builders' hardware. Fifty-five employees are on the payroll on a full-time basis, in the conduct of the various operations which include one of the most modern and best-equipped millwork plants in the Tidewater area. Expanding its operations to meet demands, the



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company established branches at 762 Little Creek Road, Norfolk, and at 3200 George Washington Highway in Portsmouth. It owes much of its success to friendly customer relations. Besides Mr. Powell, the president and treasurer, the officers are: Roy J. Allen, vice president and general manager; James W. Powell, Jr., executive vice president; Bernard M. Dixon, secretary; and Henry J. Wrigley, assistant secretary.

Besides his major business connection, Mr. Powell is chairman of the board of directors of Materials Distributors, Inc., of Norfolk, founded in 1956. As jobbers and wholesalers, this firm serves the entire Tidewater Virginia area. Its other officers are Roy J. Allen, president and manager; James W. Powell, Jr., vice president; Henry J. Wrigley, vice president; Peter K. Babalas, vice president and attorney; and Bernard M. Dixon, secretary.

The Powell-McClellan Lumber Company is a member of the Virginia Building Materials Association, Virginia Retail Lumber and Supply Dealers Association and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Powell is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk, the Colonial Avenue Methodist Church, which he serves as a member of the board of stewards. He generously supports, both financially and through his personal efforts, every project for civic betterment. He is a member of the Lakewood Civic Club and the Izaak Walton League of Norfolk. His favorite outdoor sport is deep-sea fishing.

On October 26, 1915, at Norfolk, James W. Powell, Sr., married Bernice Ruddick of Norfolk, daughter of the late Charles and Naomi (Mail) Ruddick of that city. Mrs. Powell is a graduate of Maury High School, and is active in civic and religious affairs. She is a member of the Colonial Avenue Methodist Church and teaches in its Sunday school. She is a member of the Lakewood Garden Club. In the assistance she has rendered to her husband in his career, Mr. Powell has called her his "greatest asset." The couple are the parents of two children: 1. James William, Jr., born November 18, 1917 in Norfolk. He graduated from Maury High School and completed a two-year course in business administration at Norfolk Business College. He is now executive vice president of Powell-McClellan Lumber Company, in charge of retail sales. He married Christina Wood of Washington, D. C., and they are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Faye. James Powell, Jr., is a member of the Hoo-Hoo Lumbermen's Association, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Pythias and the Colonial Avenue Methodist Church. 2. Jean Marie, born October 18, 1926. She is a graduate of Maury High School, and is married to Willis Allen of Norfolk.

The couple are the parents of two children: i. Richard Charles Allen. ii. Barbara Jean Allen. Mr. and Mrs. James W. Powell, Sr., live at 1470 Sweetbriar Avenue, Norfolk.

GEORGE RUST ABBOTT—A prominent figure in the insurance and real estate fields in Norfolk, George R. Abbott is head of the firm which bears his name. He has been a member of the City Council since December 1, 1942, and is now serving his second term as vice mayor, having held these offices during the most significant period of the development of Greater Norfolk. His devotion to the city and its government is unquestioned, and his experience has been of great value in helping carry out the important programs of expansion, annexation, redevelopment, the building of the port, and the encouragement of the region's economy. In addition, his human approach has brought him a reputation of being "the little man's friend."

George R. Abbott was born June 28, 1888, at Brandy Station, Culpepper County, Virginia, son of George Rust, Sr., and Mollie (Green) Abbott, both of whom were likewise natives of that county. His father was a carpenter by trade, and brought his family to Charlottesville in 1893, and later, in September 1900, to Newport News, where he continued in his trade until his death, in February 1907. Mollie (Green) Abbott died at Newport News in August 1906. The couple were the parents of seven children, of whom George R. was the fourth.

Orphaned at an early age, he attended the public schools of Newport News, where as a young lad he began his business career clerking in a grocery store. There he learned the various phases of food retailing. He came to Norfolk in 1907, the year of his father's death, and there became clerk of the Pure Food Store at Market Street and Monticello Avenue. From September 1907, to October 1909, he was identified with the Machen Grocery Company, 27th and Granby streets, and later with Morris and Company, meat packers of Chicago, as assistant bookkeeper in that firm's Norfolk office. He was later transferred to this firm's Newport News location, where he was in charge of the office. In October 1913, he returned to Norfolk, and took charge of the office operations of R. D. Holloway and Company, at its wholesale feed and grain branch, continuing this association until 1918.

In that year, Mr. Abbott founded his own firm, the Abbott Gwaltney Company, Inc., doing a retail and wholesale business in groceries, feed and grain. From this original store, he ultimately developed a chain of thirty-two outlets, operating in Virginia and North Carolina, and he continued

as president of the corporation and as manager until October 1931, when he sold the chain to the David Pender Grocery Company, which still later became a part of Colonial Stores, Inc.

It was in October 1931, that Mr. Abbott entered the general insurance business as vice president of the Old Dominion Corporation, which had its offices in the National Bank of Commerce Building. He continued in his executive capacity with this organization until October 1938, when he left to form his own insurance business as George R. Abbott, with offices at 223-225 Monticello Arcade. In the intervening years, he has met with gratifying success as general agent for the Aetna Fire Group, Pacific Fire Insurance Company, the Agriculture Insurance Company, and the Westchester Fire Insurance Company. Also active in the real estate field, he is engaged in rentals and sales transactions.

His interest in the principles of sound government led to Mr. Abbott's being appointed a member of the Norfolk City Council in December 1942, to fill out an unexpired term. He was elected to succeed himself in 1944, 1948, 1952 and 1956, and is now serving his second term as vice mayor. Adhering to the standards of a Christian gentleman, he has followed the precept of the Golden Rule in business as well as in the administration of city affairs. He has taken a vital interest in the welfare of people in all walks of life, and is one of Tidewater Virginia's best-informed citizens on economic trends and problems involving the welfare of its citizens. He holds the devotion and confidence of his fellows because of his capacity for friendship and his loyalty. Long active in the good work of the Park Place Methodist Church, which he helped to build, he is past chairman of its board of stewards, past president of the men's Bible class, and assistant church treasurer.

Mr. Abbott is active in the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Cavalier Lodge No. 80; Norfolk United Royal Arch Chapter No. 1; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Norfolk Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Lafayette Yacht Club.

On June 28, 1911, at Norfolk, George Rust Abbott married Louise Nash Small, daughter of the late Benjamin T. and Levaia (Whitehurst) Small of that city. The couple are the parents of one daughter, Louise Elizabeth, who married Dandridge C. Payne of Norfolk, now associated with the George R. Abbott Insurance and Real Estate Agency. Mr. and Mrs. Payne have two children: i. George Garland. ii. David Christopher. The

George R. Abbott residence is at 7323 Colony Point Road, Norfolk.

CHARLES TODD WHITEHEAD—After early beginnings in the seafood and lumber industries, Charles Todd Whitehead of Virginia Beach effectively turned his attention to hotel management, and he became one of the pioneer motel owners of the Beach. A senior businessman universally respected in his area, he had held posts of public trust in municipal government, and was active in political affairs and in work on behalf of his church and his community.

Born at Peoria, Illinois, on May 25, 1876, he was a son of Virginius and Virginia (Belote) Whitehead. His father was a bandmaster who had served the Confederate cause. Charles T. Whitehead received his education in the schools of Portsmouth. His first business interest was dealing in oysters and fish, an occupation which he followed until 1919. He then entered the lumber business, being identified with the C. T. Whitehead Lumber Company until 1944.

Mr. Whitehead first entered the hotel business in 1932. He was one of the first men in the area to recognize the importance of the motel in serving our increasingly mobile population. He established his first hostelry of the kind, the Tourist Haven Motel, at 15th Street, Virginia Beach, in 1932, and owned and operated it until his death.

Among his other business interests he served as vice president and director of the Bank of Virginia Beach. He also engaged in construction work. He built the first bridge and causeway over Long Creek which connected the upper end of Great Neck with Lynnhaven Inlet and Ocean Park section in Princess Anne County, and several other bridges in Princess Anne County. After the complete destruction by fire of the historic London Bridge Baptist Church in 1946, he supervised the rebuilding of the church without remuneration for his time; the church was completed and dedicated in the Fall of 1947.

Long active in public affairs, Mr. Whitehead had served as a member of the Virginia Beach Erosion Commission, and he was chairman of the Princess Anne Zoning Board of Appeals. He held these positions until the end of his life. Active in Democratic politics, he was formerly chairman of the Democratic Committee of Princess Anne County. He was a loyal worker in his church, the London Bridge Baptist, and in his later years held office as chairman of its board of deacons. A devout man and a firm believer in Christian doctrine and ethics, he was ordained a lay minister of the Gospel on July 14, 1935.

At Norfolk, on June 30, 1895, Charles Todd



Dr. W. H. Head

Whitehead married Cenie Yarbrough Wade, daughter of John Yarbrough and Rebecca (Sterling) Wade. The couple became the parents of four children: 1. Charles Clinton, who was born on May 20, 1896. 2. Margaret May, born January 17, 1898. She married George W. Lawrence of Oceana in 1922. 3. Ruby Virginia, born on August 19, 1910. She married Sam Harris of Charlottesville, Virginia. 4. Milford Clyde, born April 28, 1917. He succeeded his father as president of Tourist Haven Corporation, a family-owned business, consisting of Prince Charles Hotel, Tourist Haven Motel, and other real estate in Virginia Beach.

At the time of Mr. Whitehead's death he had seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His death occurred on August 1, 1954.

EUGENE PERKINS FITZHUGH—The Newport News real estate and insurance firm of Murray and Padgett, Inc., which has been operating successfully since 1918, is now capably headed by Eugene Perkins Fitzhugh, who joined the organization on his return from Air Corps service in World War II.

Baltimore, Maryland, is Mr. Fitzhugh's native city. He was born there on November 17, 1919, son of Eugene P. and Corrinne (Perkins) Fitzhugh, both natives of Middlesex County, Virginia. His father is deceased, but his mother is still living. Eugene Perkins Fitzhugh received his education in the schools of New York State, and came to Newport News in 1941. He was first employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, but a short time after this country had become involved in World War II, he left to join the United States Army Air Corps. Assigned to the Fifteenth Air Force as gunner with a flight crew, he served in Italy, and was overseas about ten months. He received his honorable discharge in October 1945.

Mr. Fitzhugh then returned to Newport News, and in 1946 began his career in the real estate and general insurance field with the firm of Murray and Padgett, Inc. He worked as a salesman, and in that capacity his leadership abilities were quickly recognized. In 1948 he was named vice president of the firm; and following the death of founding partner A. A. Padgett in 1951, he was chosen to succeed him as president, a position he has held since. Offices of Murray and Padgett, Inc., are at 131 28th Street, Newport News. The firm holds an organizational membership in the Newport News-Warwick Real Estate Board, and Mr. Fitzhugh himself is active in the Newport News Real Estate and Insurance Exchange, which he formerly served as president. He is a member of the board of the Peninsula Association of Insurance Agents.

Interested in community life, he serves as a director of the Peninsula Memorial Park Corporation, and is a member and past president of the Lions Club, and a member of the James River Country Club. He attends the First Presbyterian Church, and serves on its board of deacons. Golf and boating are Mr. Fitzhugh's favorite outdoor sports.

In Newport News, on May 5, 1945, Eugene Perkins Fitzhugh married Emma E. Padgett of that city, daughter of Ambrose A. and Ellen (Parker) Padgett. Her father was a realtor and founder of the firm of Murray and Padgett, Inc. He died in January 1951. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh have three children: 1. Anne Parker, born January 17, 1947. 2. Virginia Eaton, born December 29, 1948. 3. Eugene Perkins, Jr., born April 17, 1953.

BEVERLEY RHEA LAWLER—Virginia's first public relations agency, the Public Relations Institute, was founded in Norfolk by Beverley Rhea Lawler. It has grown far beyond its original concept and its founder is now president of both the Public Relations Institute and its affiliate agency—the Atlantic National Advertising Agency.

The public relations organization has won a number of awards, including international recognition for its creation of "The Norfolk Plan." This "Plan," so named in editorials in newspapers and magazines, is a public relations program designed to effect the smooth transition from county to city government as a result of annexation.

The advertising agency has also won many awards, both regional and national, and is recognized by the various national media. It operates primarily in Virginia and North Carolina.

Offices of these two organizations are in the Prudential Building at 248 West Bute Street.

Mr. Lawler was born in Norfolk, the son of Frank Porter and Virginia (Rhea) Lawler, both also natives of that city. Frank Porter Lawler is a senior vice president of the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk, an institution with which he has served thirty-five years.

Reared in the Roman Catholic faith, Beverley Rhea Lawler attended and in 1943 was graduated from Holy Trinity High School, Norfolk. For a short period thereafter, he was a student at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He left the university to enter the United States Army for World War II service. Attached to the Infantry, he was a sergeant in a platoon which saw much action, having been a participant in various European engagements. He received a Bronze Star for his part in one particular battle.

Subsequently, he served as an Army corres-

pendent in the Philippines. In 1946, he was released to inactive status with a commission in the United States Army Reserve. To continue his education, Mr. Lawler now entered William and Mary College, Norfolk. After receiving an Associate of Arts degree there, with honors, he went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Journalism in 1950. While at the University he won an Atlantic Monthly award for his non-fiction writing.

After graduation he became a public information specialist (Civil Service) on the staff of the Chief of Army Field Forces. For four years he served in all phases of the Army's public relations activities and became the ranking civilian in the Public Information Division.

In 1954 he founded the Public Relations Institute, Incorporated, and that organization and the Atlantic National Advertising Agency are now regional agencies.

He is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the chairman of the Civic Affairs Committee of the Chamber. He is a member of the board of directors of Merchants Bakery, Incorporated, a Norfolk firm which produces Holsum Bread and allied products. He is also a member of the board of directors of United Cerebral Palsy of Norfolk.

He is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Lafayette Yacht Club. In politics, he maintains an independent status.

Mr. Lawler married Ann Fitzpatrick in Norfolk on June 14, 1952. Like her parents, Andrew and Mae (Forrest) Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Lawler is a native of Norfolk. Her late father was a cotton broker for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Lawler have two daughters: Ann Lynn, who was born in Norfolk on January 30, 1955, and Susan Rhea, who was born in Norfolk July 26, 1957. Their home is at 904 Spotswood Avenue, Norfolk.

JULIUS DIXON RAWLES recently completed a half-century in the banking profession, and is now the president of Farmers Bank of Holland, with which he has been identified since 1919. He has other interests as well, being active in the management of the Holland Supply Company, and operating valuable farm properties. He has taken a full part in political affairs, in the work of his church, and in Masonic and other groups.

A native of Nansemond County, he was born on May 5, 1888, and is a son of Julius T. Rawles, who was also born in that county, in 1853, and who was a farmer. He later became a partner in the Holland Supply Company. Julius T. Rawles married Mary Dixon, likewise a native of Nanse-

mond County. She died in 1933 and he five years later.

Receiving his entire education in the public schools of Nansemond County, Julius D. Rawles began his banking career in 1906, joining the staff of the Bank of Holland. He was later with the National Bank of Suffolk and Farmers Bank of Nansemond, also at Suffolk. In 1919, he joined Farmers Bank of Holland, and has been a member of its board of directors since that year. In 1953 he was elected president of the bank. Mr. Rawles is also a partner in the Holland Supply Company. His considerable farm properties are in Nansemond County.

A Democrat, he has served as secretary of the Nansemond County electoral board since 1925. He is an earnest worker in the Holland Christian Church, having been its treasurer since 1930, and at the present time a deacon as well. In 1928 he became a charter member of the Holland Ruritan Club, and was its first treasurer. He is still a member of that club, and of the Suffolk Lions Club. Affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, he is a member of McAlister Lodge at Whaleyville.

Julius Dixon Rawles married Miss Louise Perry, daughter of Edward and Mary (Goodwin) Perry, in a ceremony at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on June 24, 1944. The couple are the parents of one daughter, Mary Dixon Rawles, who was born on July 10, 1945.

ARTHUR KONIKOFF—As an architect, Arthur Konikoff of Norfolk is a splendid craftsman with an excellent background of training and experience. A native of Buffalo, New York, he was born on March 16, 1916, son of Solomon Louis and Mary (Kalish) Konikoff. His parents still reside in that city, where his father is the owner and manager of apartment buildings.

Arthur Konikoff was educated in the public schools of Buffalo, and graduated from Lafayette High School there in 1934. He then entered New York University, continuing his studies there from September 1934, until January 1936. He then transferred to the University of Illinois to continue his study of architecture, and was graduated from that university with the degree of Bachelor of Architecture in 1941.

In May 1942, Mr. Konikoff enlisted for duty with the United States Army, and was assigned to an Engineers Combat Group. He was later transferred to the 2826th Engineer Combat Battalion, and with this unit served in England, France, and Germany. He participated in the Normandy invasion of June 6, 1944, and other major offensives against the Axis, including the



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campaigns in northern France and the Ardennes, and the battle of the Rhineland. He was separated from active service on October 2, 1945, at Fort Dix, New Jersey. At that time he held the rank of technical sergeant.

Resuming his civilian status, Mr. Konikoff began his professional career as a draftsman with the firm of Foit and Baschnagel, architects, of Buffalo. He was later associated with Paul Hyde Harbach, also of Buffalo. In August 1951, he came to Norfolk, Virginia, where he first joined the firm of Alfred M. Lublin, architect.

In October 1952, he started his own practice of architecture, with offices in both Portsmouth and Norfolk. His offices are now in the Flatiron Building in Norfolk. Eminently successful in the general practice of architecture, he has designed a variety of commercial and residential buildings in the greater Norfolk and Portsmouth and Newport News areas.

He is a member of the Virginia Chapter, American Institute of Architects, the Lions Club of Portsmouth, and Beth El Temple in Norfolk.

On March 3, 1946, in Norfolk, Arthur Konikoff married Hannah Robbins, daughter of A. Robbins and Rose (Stein) Robbins of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Konikoff are the parents of four children: 1. Albert Benjamin, born March 15, 1947. 2. Stephen Earl, born February 24, 1950. 3. David B., born February 3, 1952. 4. Sharon Gail, born December 6, 1956. The family's residence is at 1123 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk.

ISAAC TALBOT WALKER, JR.—An insurance executive whose career has been centered in Norfolk for many years, Isaac Talbot Walke, Jr., is president and treasurer of Walke and Son, which was established in 1869. The name of Walke has long been honored in Norfolk and the state of Virginia, and for several generations its bearers have been prominent in the field of insurance. Through his useful career, Isaac Talbot Walke, Jr., has made his contribution to the family's long and continuing record of achievement.

The Walkes are of English ancestry, and trace their descent from Thomas Walke, who was born in England and first went to the Barbados in 1622. He was among the early colonial settlers when he came to Virginia shortly afterwards. He settled at Fairfield in Princess Anne County. He had held the rank of colonel of militia under King Charles II, and was a vestryman in Lynnhaven Parish Church. Thomas Walke married Mary Lawson, whose father was one of the eminent lawyers of the Virginia Colony. Their son, Anthony Walke, married Anna Lee Armistead, granddaughter of Captain Hancock Lee and Mary

(Kendell) Lee. Mary Kendell was a daughter of Colonel William Kendell, who was collector of revenues at Accomac, Virginia, in 1660. Captain Hancock Lee was a son of Colonel Richard Lee, ancestor of Richard Henry Lee, American statesman (1732-1794). He was prominent in defending the rights of the colonies against England and was a delegate to the Continental Congress from 1774 to 1779. On June 7, 1776, he moved a resolution which ultimately gave rise to the Declaration of Independence, of which he was later a signer.

In William Forest's "Sketches of Norfolk" the statement is made that Anthony Walke purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land on which, at a later date, the city of Norfolk was laid out, the first plat of the city being made in 1680. Anthony and Anna (Armistead) Walke had as one of their children Anthony Walke, who married Jane Randolph. They became the parents of William Walke, who married Mary Calvert. The next generation was represented by William Walke, who married Elizabeth Nash. They in turn were the parents of Richard Walke, who married Diana Talbot. Richard and Diana (Talbot) Walke became the parents of William Talbot Walke, who was a native of Norfolk, and lived his entire life in that city. He served the Confederate government during the Civil War, and in 1869 formed the Walke insurance business, which was the predecessor of the present firm of Walke and Son. He continued active in insurance sales until his death. He married Sally Gary, who was born at Garysburg, North Carolina, and among their children was a son, Isaac Talbot Walke, Sr.

He was born in Norfolk and received his education at Norfolk Academy and Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie. He then became associated with his father in the insurance business, and in later years became its owner and manager. He remained active for many years in the civic and social life of Norfolk, where he lived his entire life. The elder Isaac Talbot Walke married Linda Harrell, who was born at Murfreesboro, North Carolina. They became the parents of three children: Isaac Talbot, Jr., Linda Harrell and Gertrude Willoughby.

Born at Norfolk on August 27, 1901, Isaac Talbot Walke, Jr., was educated in St. George's School, a private institution, and Norfolk Academy, Robert E. Lee Elementary School, and Maury High School, all of Norfolk. He then transferred to Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. In 1917, he became associated with his father in the insurance business in Norfolk, as a member of the firm of Walke and Son, General Insurance and Surety Bonds. This has remained his major

business interest since that time. He succeeded his father as managing head of the firm, at the latter's death in 1952, and is now president and treasurer with offices in the Royster Building.

Besides this major business connection, Mr. Walke is vice president and treasurer of the Norfolk Taxicab Corporation. Active in civic and social affairs, he is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Virginia Club. He serves on the Virginia State Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, and has also been appointed to Governor Stanley's staff as aide-de-camp. He is a communicant of Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Norfolk.

As a member of the United States Navy Officers' Reserve, Mr. Walke was called to active duty in June 1941, and served with the rank of commander, United States Navy Intelligence. He was separated from active duty in 1945.

On February 20, 1934, Isaac Talbot Walke, Jr., married Dorothy Brooks of Williamsburg, Virginia. They make their home at 1100 Hampton Boulevard, Lynnhaven.

FRANK A. DUSCH—A lifelong resident of the Norfolk area, Frank A. Dusch has long been engaged in the real estate business there. In fact, he chose this occupation shortly after his return from a World War I connection with the United States Customs Service. Making his home at Virginia Beach, he has served as mayor and member of the city council there.

Born in Norfolk on February 10, 1898, he is a son of Walter F. and Mamie (Amiss) Dusch. His father, also a native of Norfolk and likewise a real estate man, is now deceased, as is Mrs. Dusch, a native of Cambridge, Maryland. Frank A. Dusch completed his public school studies in Norfolk, and his preparatory studies at Randolph-Macon Academy at Bedford City. He went on to his advanced studies at Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, but later transferred from there to Washington and Lee University at Lexington.

When this country became involved in World War I, Mr. Dusch entered the United States Customs Service, in which he remained for a year and one-half, as long as the United States was involved in that conflict. In the course of the years since, he has joined the United States Navy Reserve Corps, in which he currently holds the rank of commander.

Since 1930 Mr. Dusch has engaged in real estate, handling his own holdings. He has played a prominent part in property transfers and the development of real estate in the greater Norfolk region.

Mr. Dusch was elected to the city council of

Virginia Beach in 1952, and became mayor in 1954. He holds the latter office at the present time, and has provided this oceanside Tidewater community with a sound and clean municipal administration.

He is a member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to the higher bodies of the Masonic order including United Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; Auld Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Princess Anne Country Club, Princess Anne Post No. 113 of the American Legion, the Sojourners, and the Heroes of '76. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Church of Virginia Beach.

Frank A. Dusch married Elizabeth P. Grow of Maryland. Mr. Dusch is the father of two children: 1. Frank A., Jr., who is now associated with Cannon Mills at Kannapolis, North Carolina. He married Martha Hughes, and they have two sons, Frank A., III, and William Coltrane. 2. Mary Winslow. She is the wife of Charles A. Brewer, and they make their home in Miami, Florida. They have two daughters, Sandra and Debbie.

PAUL W. ACKISS—A lawyer practicing in his native Princess Anne County, Paul W. Ackiss has his offices at Virginia Beach. He has to his credit a record of twenty-four years' service as commonwealth's attorney, and has been a dynamic force in the Democratic organization.

Born at Back Bay, Virginia, on August 17, 1901, he is a son of Paul Whitehead and Josephine (Sykes) Ackiss. His father was a farmer, and for twenty years served as sheriff of Princess Anne County. He is now deceased, as is Mrs. Ackiss. The Ackiss family has lived in the county for many generations. The commonwealth's former attorney attended local public schools and graduated from Creeds High School in 1918. He then entered the College of William and Mary, where he was a student until 1923, taking the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws there. He was admitted to the bar of his state in 1924. However, he began his career as an educator, and was principal of the Montross Agricultural High School for two years.

At the end of that time he commenced his private practice of law at Virginia Beach, and his offices have been in that city ever since. He first became commonwealth's attorney in 1932, and was re-elected to that office, on the Democratic ticket, serving continuously until 1955. He has long been an influential leader in the councils of the Democratic party, and is currently chairman of the Princess Anne County Democratic Executive Com-



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mittee. He has been active in the Commonwealth's Attorneys Association of Virginia, and served as its president in 1949.

Apart from his professional and public service connections, Mr. Ackiss is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and was a charter member and past president of the Virginia Beach Rotary Club. He has been interested in welfare work and particularly in programs for the benefit of youth and of servicemen. He has served as counselor of the Boy Scouts of America, and as co-chairman of the Princess Anne County United Service Organizations. He is a member of the Princess Anne Country Club, and the lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

On October 29, 1927, in Norfolk, Paul W. Ackiss married Hazel Virginia Malbon of that city, daughter of R. J. and Virginia (Cromwell) Malbon. Mr. and Mrs. Ackiss are the parents of two daughters: 1. Mary Paul, who was born on August 11, 1933. She is the wife of Lieutenant Blair M. Webb, M. D., of the United States Medical Corps. 2. Ellen Benson, born on June 9, 1940.

ROBERT L. HANCOCK, 3rd—The raising, processing and distribution of peanuts constitute a distinctive industry of the Lower Tidewater area of Virginia. While the Hancock Peanut Company of Courtland is one of the more recent entries in this field, its progress has been rapid, and within a few years of its formation, it was able to erect a spacious and modern plant on Highway 58. Its successful operations there have made the firm a major competitor in the prosperous and growing market for this product. It is a family enterprise, in which Robert L. Hancock, 3rd, holds partnership status. He is a capable young businessman who is making a noteworthy contribution to the industrial and community life of Courtland.

Born at Suffolk on December 21, 1915, he is a son of Robert L., Jr., and the late Mary Ernie (Johnson) Hancock. His father's entry into the peanut industry was sparked by inventive as well as managerial abilities, and he and his sons formed the present organization in 1944. Robert L. Hancock, 3rd, had attended the public schools of Suffolk, and began his career in the trades of electrician, millwright and machinist, gaining broad experience which has been useful to him in the industry in which he soon found his true life work.

He joined his father in the cleaning and processing of peanuts for commercial and seed purposes when the firm was established in 1944. It was known from the first as Hancock Peanut Company. In 1947, the partners completed their present modern plant near Courtland, and now have as many as seventy-five people on their payroll. Also active in the family enterprise are the

other sons of Robert L., Jr.: Garth S. and H. L. Hancock. The father gave impetus to the industry, and to their own enterprise in particular, by inventing and building the first seed peanut sheller. It forms an important basis for their firm's operations.

R. L. Hancock, 3rd, is a member of the Cypress Cove Country Club in Franklin, and attends the Baptist Church. He is a Democrat in his politics.

At Suffolk, on October 13, 1934, Robert L. Hancock, 3rd, married Lillian Elizabeth Pope of Newsoms, Virginia, daughter of William Grove Pope. To their marriage five children have been born: 1. Mary Elizabeth, on January 11, 1936. 2. Patricia Ann, born October 26, 1937. 3. Vivian Leigh, born September 14, 1940. 4. Robert Larry, born April 29, 1944. 5. Charles Eugene, born August 29, 1946.

ROBERT LAFAYETTE HANCOCK, Jr., has brought both inventive and management talents to the Lower Tidewater's important industry, the processing of peanuts. He is now a partner with his sons in the Hancock Peanut Company at Courtland.

Born near Sedley in Southampton County, Virginia, Mr. Hancock is a son of Robert Lemuel and Mollie (Joyner) Hancock. He was born on May 16, 1890. Rural public schools of the Vicksville area provided him with his formal education. Upon completion of his education he began his business career with the Surry Lumber Company at Dendron, Virginia. He remained with that firm for two years, then in 1911 went to Suffolk, where he joined the Benthall Machine Company. After nearly two decades in responsible posts with this firm, he formed a connection with the Ramsey Packing Company, Inc., at Driver, Virginia, in 1930, and was with that organization for six years. In 1936 he came to Courtland to build a peanut processing plant for the Birdsong Storage Company. When that plant burned in 1939, he was sent by the same company to Suffolk to build a larger plant there.

He continued in his connection with Birdsong Storage Company until 1944, and meantime, in 1943, he had invented and perfected a device of considerable importance to the peanut industry. This was the Hancock Seed Peanut Sheller. The inventor and his sons have built a number of the units, which they lease to firms in the Virginia-Carolina peanut belt. With this invention to his credit, Mr. Hancock was convinced that he might best use it to his own benefit by entering the peanut processing industry in his own right. Accordingly, in December 1944, he formed the Hancock Peanut Company, in which his sons, Robert L.,

3rd, Garth S., and H. L. Hancock are partners. The firm engages in the cleaning and processing of peanuts for commercial and seed purposes. The undertaking prospered from the first, and within two years' time the need for more extensive processing facilities was indicated. In 1947 a new plant was completed near Courtland, where seventy-five people are now employed.

Mr. Hancock is an honorary member of the Ruritan Club, in Courtland, and a member of the Davis Ridley Hunt Club. He is a communicant of the Courtland Baptist Church.

On February 4, 1912, Robert Lafayette Hancock, Jr., married Mary Ernie Johnson of Southampton County, Virginia, daughter of John and Mary Eliza (Branch) Johnson. Mrs. Hancock died on December 29, 1954. The couple became the parents of the following children: 1. Mary Lucille, who was born on January 4, 1913. She is the wife of C. H. Dilday. 2. Robert L., 3rd. 3. Harry Lee. 4. Garth S. These three sons are subjects of separate biographical sketches. 5. Muriel Jacqueline, born on December 20, 1928. She married James S. Johnson.

HARRY LEE HANCOCK—Partner in a prosperous family enterprise at Courtland, Harry Lee Hancock is playing his part in the important Tidewater industry of peanut processing. Since his return from military service in World War II, he has been active in the management of the Hancock Peanut Company.

A native of Courtland, he was born on March 6, 1918, third child and second son of Robert Lafayette, Jr., and Mary Ernie (Johnson) Hancock. His father, inventor of the Hancock Seed Peanut Sheller, was also founder of the firm which he and his sons now manage. He is the subject of an accompanying biographical sketch, as are his other sons, Robert L., 3rd, and Garth S.

Harry Lee Hancock attended the public schools of Suffolk. In the early years of his career he was employed by the Blair Motor Company in Suffolk and the Walters Peanut Company at Walters, and was later associated with his father in building the Birdsong Storage Company's plant at Suffolk.

He was one of the early contingent to enter military service when world conditions dictated preparedness for this country, and entered the army in March 1940. He remained in uniform until July 1945. He was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, "the day which will live in infamy" as a consequence of the Japanese sneak attack which drew this country into World War II. He continued with the army overseas during most of the ensuing conflict.

Shortly before he had completed his tour of

military duty, his father formed the Hancock Peanut Company, and when he returned to civilian life, he became a partner in the enterprise, with which he has been identified since, together with his two brothers.

Mr. Hancock is interested in the program of the Boy Scouts of America, and he is assistant scoutmaster of Troop No. 11 at Courtland. As a veteran of World War II, he is a member of Courtland Post No. 275 of the American Legion, and he also belongs to the Ruritan Club. He is a communicant of the Courtland Baptist Church.

On July 19, 1947, Harry Lee Hancock married Mary Margaret Magda of Cleveland, Ohio. They are the parents of four children: 1. Harry Lee, Jr., born on February 11, 1949. 2. James Calvin, born March 30, 1950. 3. Margaret Rose, born September 22, 1951. 4. Amana Magda, born October 7, 1953.

GARTH S. HANCOCK—Since his return from military service in World War II, Garth S. Hancock has been associated with his father and brothers in the Hancock Peanut Company at Courtland. He has taken a leading role in community affairs there, has headed the Courtland Community Center, Inc., and is currently president of the city's Ruritan Club.

Born in Suffolk on April 19, 1921, he is the fourth of the five children born to Robert Lafayette, Jr., and Mary Ernie (Johnson) Hancock. The father, as well as two older sons, Robert L., 3rd, and Harry Lee, are partners in the peanut processing firm, which was founded in 1944.

Beginning his education in the public schools of Suffolk, Garth S. Hancock completed his secondary studies at Courtland High School. He gained early business experience with the Birdsong Storage Company in Suffolk, at a plant which his father had built for the firm at that location. He was employed there until June 1942, and then entered the wartime service of the United States Army. He remained in military service for three years.

Returning to civilian life in 1945, he joined his father and brothers in the Hancock Peanut Company. They are partners in this enterprise. In addition to processing and distributing peanuts, as an important unit of a major industry of the region, they have assembled a number of units of the Hancock Seed Peanut Sheller, which Robert L. Hancock, Jr., invented. These they have leased to firms in the Virginia-Carolina peanut belt.

Active in the Ruritan Club at Courtland for some years, Garth S. Hancock was elected to serve as its president during its 1957 term. A past president of the Courtland Community Cen-



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ter, Inc., he continues to serve on its board of directors. As a veteran of World War II, he belongs to Courtland's Post No. 275 of the American Legion, and he is also a member of the Cypress Cove Country Club. He attends Courtland Baptist Church, and serves as custodian there.

On July 5, 1941, Garth S. Hancock married Josephine Estelle Hedgepeth of Handsom, Virginia, daughter of George Dewey and Annie Mary (Porter) Hedgepeth. The couple are the parents of five children: 1. June Jeanette, born June 10, 1942. 2. Martha Jean, who was born on May 21, 1943. 3. Garth S., Jr., born on July 29, 1947. 4. Susan Brice, born December 18, 1950. 5. Jo Ann, born February 27, 1954.

NELSON CHILCOAT OVERTON—A lawyer who after more than a decade of practice took over the management of an outstanding realty and insurance firm, J. F. Tilghman, Inc., Nelson Chilcoat Overton of Newport News is today well known not only in these two fields but also in home financing and in veterans' and military affairs. For many years he has been an important figure in the American Legion—on local, state and national levels. At one time he was in the top echelon in the Virginia State Guard and he is a veteran of World War I, with a record on the home front in World War II. His headquarters are at 122 Twenty-sixth Street, Newport News.

Mr. Overton was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on October 15, 1890, the son of Miles Nelson and Flora Mae (Chilcoat) Overton. His father, a native of South Mills, North Carolina, served as cashier for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad in Newport News for many years. He died in 1941. The mother, born in Baltimore, died in 1939.

Nelson C. Overton received his early education in Newport News. He was graduated from high school there in 1910 and four years later took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Virginia. Admitted to the bars of Virginia and Florida that year, 1914, he engaged in a general practice in Jacksonville for the next three years.

In May 1917, less than a month after the United States declared war on the Central Powers, Mr. Overton enlisted in the Army and was first attached to the 82nd Division as a first lieutenant. He rose to captain. Transferred to the 20th Division, he served with that "outfit" until August 1919. Later, he served as captain of the Newport News Company of the Virginia Protective Force and in the World War II period,

1943-1946, was a lieutenant colonel and battalion commander in the Virginia State Guard.

From 1919 to 1926, Mr. Overton practiced law in Newport News. When his father-in-law, J. F. Tilghman, died in the latter year, Mr. Overton took over management of Mr. Tilghman's real estate and insurance business, known as J. F. Tilghman, Inc. This firm had been established by Mr. Tilghman and Howard Bowen in 1917, under the name of Tilghman and Bowen, Inc. The first office was in the basement of the Finch Building, at the corner of Thirtieth Street and Washington Avenue, Newport News. A few years later the partners moved their headquarters to 138 Twenty-eighth Street, but soon afterward the partnership was dissolved and the name was changed to J. F. Tilghman, Inc., Mr. Bowen having retired from the firm altogether. In 1926, the year Mr. Overton joined the firm, the office was moved to the Tilghman Building, 3023 Washington Avenue. In March 1939, the firm moved to its new building on Twenty-sixth Street.

In addition to operating this business, Mr. Overton serves as treasurer and a director of the Mutual Home and Savings Association of Newport News. Through the years he has been most active in the American Legion. A past commander of the Newport News Post, he served as commander of the Department of Virginia in 1928 and 1929 and then was elected to the national executive committee for the years 1929 and 1930. He is also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Alpha Delta fraternities and of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Overton married Lucile Tilghman, who was born in Newport News, in that city on February 25, 1925. Her father was one of the city's outstanding citizens. Her mother was the former Christine Virginia Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Overton have three children: Nelson, Lucile, and James.

WILLIAM HENRY SHEFFIELD—It was less than two decades ago that William Henry Sheffield entered the lumber industry on a small scale in Suffolk. Under his capable management the enterprise has grown into one of the city's major industries. Mr. Sheffield has become an influential figure in the organizational and civic life of the community as well as in industrial affairs.

He was born March 26, 1918, in Southampton County, son of Henry T. and Rosa L. (Council) Sheffield. His father, a native of Sussex County, was a lumberman before him, and died on March 28, 1947. Mrs. Sheffield is still living. She is a native of Southampton County. Attending the public schools of Sussex County and the

city of Suffolk, William H. Sheffield graduated from Suffolk High School in 1936. For three years he was a student at the University of Virginia.

In 1939 he entered the lumber business in his own name, beginning operations in a small way by cutting rough timber with a portable sawmill, and marketing it. The volume of production grew steadily, and about 1945, he started his present expansion program. Today, his plant and office on Newport Street Extension occupies twenty-three acres. His firm, operating under the name of W. H. Sheffield, Lumber, gives employment to about a hundred and twenty-five people. Its primary product is finished lumber.

Mr. Sheffield is a Democrat in his politics. He is a member of the lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he is a member of Hiram Lodge; the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Cosmopolitan Club, and his fraternity is Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He attends the Baptist Church at Suffolk. Hunting and fishing are his favorite outdoor sports. Mr. Sheffield is unmarried.

CHARLES DOUGLAS PITT—With over thirty years' experience in the insurance field in the city of Newport News to his credit, Charles Douglas Pitt heads his own organization, Douglas Pitt, Inc., which also deals in real estate and has its offices at 125 Twenty-sixth Street.

He is a native of Newport News, born there on July 31, 1905, and is a son of Charles Faris and Priscilla (Knowles) Pitt. His father, who was born in Middlesex County, was an executive of the Mason Body Company of Newport News, advancing to the position of vice president and general manager of that firm, which manufactures truck bodies. He died on July 15, 1949, surviving by three years his wife, the former Priscilla Knowles.

Attending the public schools in his native city, Douglas Pitt graduated from Newport News High School in 1924. While attending high school, he developed his long-time interest in athletics and played on the baseball team. Following his graduation, he began his business career with the Granby Manufacturing Company, at the corner of Virginia Avenue and Twenty-seventh Street. A short time afterwards he left to accept a position as salesman with the National Cash Register Company.

Soon realizing that such positions did not bring him the satisfaction one feels on finding his true career, he turned his attention to the insurance

business in 1925, joining the George C. Chapin Insurance Company, which had its office in the one-hundred block on Twenty-sixth Street. He remained with that agency for two and one-half years, and at the end of that time the organization consolidated on a five-year plan with Murray and Padgett, Inc., which operated a real estate insurance business. Shortly after the merger, Douglas Pitt was named manager of the firm's insurance department, a position he held for sixteen years. At the close of the "five-year plan," George C. Chapin had resumed his private insurance business, and Mr. Pitt spent the remaining eleven years with Murray and Padgett. In the early days of World War II, while still with this firm, he accepted a temporary position with the United States Government as housing expediter on the Camp Patrick Henry project. This involved the construction of a military base which was to serve as a point of embarkation for millions of troops going overseas. He afterwards accepted the management of the Newport News War Housing Center under the National Housing Agency and continued in that position for about a year and one-half.

Also when the war was about at mid-course, he purchased George C. Chapin's agency, and this formed the basis of his present general insurance and real estate firm, Douglas Pitt, Inc. Offices are in the Phillips Building. His firm is a member of the Newport News Real Estate and Insurance Exchange, the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents, Inc., the National Association of Real Estate Boards, and the National Association of Insurance Agents.

Mr. Pitt has taken a consistent and vital interest in civic affairs and every program for community betterment. He is a member of Bremond Lodge No. 241, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and St. John's Chapter No. 57, Royal Arch Masons. He attends the First Baptist Church and is an independent in his politics. He retains his interest in baseball and other sports and is particularly fond of boating. Mr. Pitt served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1923 to 1927.

At Williamsburg, on September 25, 1942, Douglas Pitt married Violet Grubbs of Clifton Forge, daughter of James R. and Agnes Leona (Morrison) Grubbs. The couple are the parents of one son: Douglas, Jr., who was born on February 20, 1944.

LOUIS BERNARD FINE—A native and lifelong resident of the Lower Tidewater, Louis Bernard Fine has been practicing law in Norfolk since completing his professional studies in 1925. A student editor in his law school days, he is now one of the editors for the National Association of

Compensation Claimants' Attorneys, as well as parliamentarian for that organization. He is a former teacher of Constitutional law and is currently serving as commissioner in chancery for the Circuit Courts of the City of Norfolk and the County of Norfolk. He is a stockholder, official or counsel for twelve large business corporations, chiefly in the realty field.

Born in Norfolk on October 3, 1904, Mr. Fine is the son of Morris Fine, a hardware merchant, and Mamie Fine. He is a graduate of a Norfolk elementary school and Maury High School and in 1925 took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D. C. Admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1924, he has been in practice in Norfolk, with offices at 1102-1113 National Bank of Commerce Building, since upon obtaining his law degree in 1925.

He was appointed commissioner in chancery of the Circuit Court of Norfolk in 1943 and of the Circuit Court of the county in 1945. In 1946, he taught Constitutional law at the Norfolk College of Law. He served as an editor of the Georgetown Law Journal in the year 1924-1925 and has been associate editor of the NACCA Law Journal since 1951. He was elected parliamentarian of the NACCA in 1954. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, Virginia State Bar Association and the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association.

Mr. Fine's business interests are in Marc Properties, Incorporated; Fine Investment Company, Inc.; Mamie Properties, Inc.; F. Properties, Inc.; LMM and A Company, Inc.; Alexander Properties, Inc.; Morris Properties, Inc.; Snug Harbor Properties, Inc.; City and County Holding Company, Inc.; Cook Realty Corporation; Dinner Key Manor, Inc., and Selma Properties, Inc.

Besides his professional organizations, Mr. Fine belongs to various Masonic bodies, including the Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum, Loyal Order of Moose and The Hague Club. He is a former national officer of the Phi Alpha fraternity. He and his family worship in Ohel Sholom Temple, Norfolk.

Mr. Fine married Minnie Snyder, daughter of Louis and Kate Snyder, in Norfolk on November 12, 1929. They have two sons: 1. Morris Heller, born on October 13, 1930. 2. Andrew Snyder, born on December 7, 1936. The older son, Morris Heller Fine, is now practicing law with his father.

JOHN MAURICE BRATTEN, president and general manager of Ames and Webb, Inc., held responsible executive posts with this Norfolk firm of paving contractors before his recent elevation

to the presidency. He is also general manager of the organization, which has its headquarters at 3145 Broad Creek Road.

Born December 14, 1911, at Princess Anne, he is a son of George Whittington and Marie (Etheredge) Bratten. His father was a native of Snow Hill, Maryland, where he first engaged in the lumber business. In 1911, the year of his son's birth, he established the G. W. Bratten Lumber Company at Princess Anne. He continued as president and manager of this firm until 1928 when he retired, and his death occurred at his Princess Anne home a quarter-century later, on August 3, 1953. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and of the lodges of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the commandery of the Knights Templar. George W. Bratten was a son of Joseph Maurice Bratten, also a lumberman, first active at Snow Hill and later at Princess Anne. The Bratten family is of Scottish and Dutch descent. Marie (Etheredge) Bratten, the mother of John Maurice Bratten, was born in Norfolk, a descendant of early settlers in that city. She now resides in Virginia Beach. She and her husband were the parents of two sons: 1. John Maurice, of whom further. 2. George Whittington, Jr., who is president of the Bratten Pontiac Corporation of Norfolk.

John M. Bratten received his early education in the public schools of Princess Anne, but completed his secondary studies at Norfolk, graduating from Maury High School in 1928. He continued his education at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he majored in agricultural engineering and graduated with the Class of 1932.

He began his career with the United States Department of Agriculture in Tidewater Virginia, continuing in government service until 1936. Thereafter until 1939 he was with the United States Bureau of Public Roads, with headquarters at Roanoke. From 1939 to 1941 he was a member of the firm of Bratten Brothers, used car dealers of Norfolk, leaving to become associated with the Virginia Engineering Company of Newport News for three years. He then became identified with Ames and Webb of Norfolk at that time in the capacity of field engineer. In that position he superintended a number of important projects. He became vice president of the firm in 1951, and on the death of St. Clair Webb (one of the founders of the firm and its president), on November 5, 1955, he succeeded him as president.

The firm of Ames and Webb had its beginning at Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1933. The other co-founder was the late Leslie R. Ames of Raleigh, who died on November 3, 1947. It was in 1937 that headquarters of the contracting firm were moved to Norfolk, although offices were re-

tained at Raleigh. Ames and Webb, Inc., has been growing continuously through the intervening years, and is now one of the largest firms in Virginia devoted exclusively to paving contracting. Among the major contracts it has completed in recent years has been the paving of Virginia Beach Boulevard, a dual-pavement highway eighteen miles in length extending from Park Avenue in Norfolk to the Virginia Beach city line. Another major project is the Tidewater Drive in Norfolk, extending from City Hall Avenue to Rugby Street. The firm also paved the approaches to the Elizabeth River Tunnel, as well as the tube itself, and Hampton Boulevard from the College of William and Mary to the Naval Base; Granby Street from the bridge to Taussig Boulevard; and a number of Air Force, Army and Navy installations. In 1955, Ames and Webb, Inc., erected on its twenty-acre site an electronically controlled asphalt manufacturing plant. Its cost was one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, but it will save many times that figure, since it requires the attention of only a single operator and turns out one hundred tons of plant-mix asphalt per hour. Besides its contracting, Ames and Webb now sells plant-mixed asphalt, concrete and macadam to other contractors, and also operates an equipment rental service. In its overall operations, the firm employs about two hundred. Besides Mr. Bratten as president, the officers are Harold N. Webb, vice president, and George N. Turner, secretary and treasurer.

The firm holds membership in the American Road Builders Association, the Association of General Contractors of America, the Virginia Asphalt Association, the Virginia Road Builders Association, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce and the United States Chamber of Commerce; and in each of these organizations, Mr. Bratten also holds an individual membership. Apart from his trade connections, he is a member of the Princess Anne Country Club, and is a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach. An occasional round of golf comprises his outdoor recreation.

At Princess Anne, on August 22, 1936, John M. Bratten married Alma Georgia Darden of London Bridge, Virginia, daughter of the late Louis C. and Georgia (Bramble) Darden of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Bratten are the parents of two children: 1. Eleanor Faye, born February 23, 1947. 2. Delmar Ray, born September 6, 1948. The family resides at 104 Linkhorn Drive, Virginia Beach.

ALEXANDER LUTHER BIVINS—Since his admittance to the Virginia bar four decades ago, Alexander Luther Bivins has practiced at New-

port News and in the course of that time has distinguished himself in public office as state senator and commonwealth attorney.

He is a native of Newport News and was born on June 10, 1894, son of Frederic Canfield and Margaret Matilda (MacKnight) Bivins. His father had come to the state from New York, having been born in Ontario County in the Empire State on July 6, 1869. He was a foreman for some years in the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. His wife, the former Margaret Matilda MacKnight, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 12, 1871. She died on March 30, 1924, and Mr. Bivins died on January 1, 1945.

Attending the public schools of Newport News, Alexander L. Bivins graduated from high school there in 1913. He then entered the University of Virginia, where he prepared for his professional career at the Law School. In 1917 he was admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia, and conducted a general practice of law at Newport News under his own name, until January 1, 1957, when the present law firm of Bivins, Jacobs and Bivins was formed, the offices being located at 130 Twenty-fifth Street. Associated with Mr. Bivins in this firm are Ben Jacobs, former municipal judge of the city of Newport News and Mr. Bivins' son, A. Jeffery Bivins. He is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar Association.

A Democrat in his politics, Mr. Bivins was elected state senator on his party's ticket, serving the Thirty-third Senatorial District of the state in 1937-1938. When he concluded his term in 1938, he began his tenure as commonwealth attorney at Newport News, serving until 1943.

He is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and of the local Kiwanis Club, which he served as president in 1927. In 1926 he was exalted ruler of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He retains membership in this lodge and is also a member of Peninsula Lodge No. 278 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Bivins is also a member of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He and Mrs. Bivins attend St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Mr. Bivins has served on the Newport News school board and as its chairman.

Mrs. Bivins, the former Miss Virginia Jeffery of Newport News, is the daughter of Aaron and Mary (Luck) Jeffery. She became the wife of Alexander Luther Bivins in a ceremony at St. Paul's Church in Newport News on September 11, 1918. Mrs. Bivins is a member of the Society of Colonial Dames. The couple are the parents of the following children: 1. Alexander Jeffery, who was born on July 15, 1919. He married Mary Winston. 2. Mary Jeffery, who is the wife of Wayne D. Hal-



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perty. 3. Virginia Spottswood. She is now Mrs. Robert Douglas Clayton. 4. Anne Gardner, who is the wife of John Drummond Chamblin. 5. Richard Randolph, who is attending the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division. Mr. and Mrs. Bivins also have ten grandchildren.

JOSEPH C. GREENE—A certified public accountant with thirty-five years' experience in his profession, Joseph C. Greene is new senior partner in the firm of Frederick B. Hill and Company of Norfolk. He was born in Halifax County on June 29, 1899, son of the late Walter Granville and Margaret (Mebane) Greene. Both parents were natives of Halifax County, and of early Virginia ancestry. Walter Granville Greene, who died in 1938, was chief special agent for the Southern Railway Company. His wife, the former Margaret Mebane, died in 1919 at the age of forty-one.

Receiving his education in the public schools of Richmond, Joseph C. Greene then entered the business world. His entire career since has been identified with the accounting profession. He began in 1920 with the nationally known accounting firm of Ernst and Ernst, at its Richmond office, remaining in this connection until 1926. At the time the Naval Air Station was built at Norfolk, he was with the chief financial officer of the Virginia Engineering Company of Newport News, a contractor on that project, engaged in compiling a manual of cost-plus-fixed-fee contract. He worked with the firm while it was engaged in government work, 1940-1944, and it was awarded the Navy "E" and the United States Treasury Award for outstanding service to the cause of defense in the course of that time.

In 1930, Mr. Greene had passed his examination for certification as a public accountant before the North Carolina State Board of Accountancy, and was licensed to practice both in that state and in Virginia. He was engaged in private practice at Raleigh from 1930 to 1935, being associated with the accounting firms of Dixon, Russ and Carter and R. C. Carter & Co., at various times. From 1935 to 1940, he was district project auditor for the Public Works Administrator of a region comprising seven Southern states, supervising seventy-six projects. Among the other important positions he has held has been that of comptroller for the Maryland Sanitary Manufacturing Company of Baltimore (1944-1946); and secretary and treasurer of the Gary Steel Products Corporation of Richmond (1946-1948).

Since 1940 he has been active in the private practice of accounting in Norfolk, and from 1950 to date, senior partner in the public accounting firm of Frederick B. Hill and Company, with offices in the Flatiron Building. He is licensed to

practice before the Treasury Department and the Board of Tax Appeals (now the United States Tax Court). He is a member of the American Institute of Accountants, the Virginia Society of Public Accountants, the American Institute of Management and the Southern Institute of Management.

Active in civic and community affairs, Mr. Greene is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk and the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. He attends the Episcopal Church.

On October 2, 1933, at Raleigh, North Carolina, Joseph C. Greene married Lucille (Wilder) Gantt of that city. By her previous marriage, Mrs. Greene is the mother of a daughter, Betty Sue Gantt, who was born on November 13, 1925. On July 5, 1952, Miss Gantt became the wife of Robert B. Pond, now a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy and stationed at San Diego, California. The Greene family residence is at 1042 Jamestown Crescent, Norfolk.

CLARENCE H. LUMSDEN, SR., and CLARENCE H. LUMSDEN, JR., are co-founders and partners in the Sheet Metal Specialty Company of Norfolk. This firm of engineers, and manufacturers and distributors of sheet metal products was founded in 1946, and has experienced continuous growth since that time. It is now recognized as the best-equipped light sheet metal plant in the Tidewater area. It specializes in contracting for and manufacturing sheet metal products, in primary air-conditioning and heating work, and in engineering assignments in which such installations are used. The firm supplies local dealers in Norfolk, South Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach, and throughout Norfolk and Princess Anne counties. Its plant is located at 3319 Tait Terrace, Norfolk, and embraces about five thousand square feet of floor space. It is more than double in size with the erection of an annex with six thousand square feet of floor space, completed in the autumn of 1950. When it was founded in 1946, the firm occupied a site at York and Duke streets. It was later moved to 207 East Charlotte Street, and subsequently to 605 West 25th Street. Each move was part of an expansion program necessitated by its growing volume of business. When the two Clarence H. Lumsdens founded their enterprise, they did all the work themselves. Today the plant has twenty-three employees, highly trained in their respective lines of work, who share the management's pride in a superior finished product. The company has enjoyed excellent employee relations. Nine of its employees have been with the organization since shortly after its founding. Its growth

has been in large measure the outcome of a policy of giving its customers the best of service and workmanship, at an economical price.

The senior partner, Clarence H. Lumsden, Sr., has been in the sheet-metal business for more than half a century, and followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, James Lewis Steadman Lumsden, a native of Scotland, who was among the pioneer tinsmiths of Raleigh, North Carolina. There he made canteens for soldiers of the Confederate States Army. He operated a tinsmith shop and hardware store in Raleigh in the years following the war, and lived out his life there.

Born in Raleigh on September 10, 1886, Clarence H. Lumsden, Sr., was a son of Robert Edward and Minnie (Horton) Lumsden. Both parents were natives of Wake County, North Carolina, who lived all their lives in Raleigh. The elder Clarence Lumsden received his education in the public schools of Raleigh and began his apprenticeship in the sheet metal trade at the age of nine, working during after-school hours, Saturdays and during vacation periods. At the age of nineteen he entered the trade full-time, and in 1912 came to Norfolk. There he has followed the trade continuously since. From 1920 to 1927 he operated a sheet-metal shop in his own name, at Virginia Beach. Later he opened a shop in Norfolk, and in 1946, joined his son, Clarence H., Jr., in founding the Sheet Metal Specialty Company, in which he continues as a partner. A fine craftsman in the trade, he has worked with his son in managing the present enterprise, and directing it to its present level of production and recognition.

On December 7, 1918, at Norfolk, Clarence H. Lumsden, Sr., married Ruth Hall of that city, who died in 1950. They were the parents of two children: 1. Shirlee Margaret, who married George W. Butcher of Norfolk. 2. Clarence Hall, Jr. He was born on April 2, 1924, at Virginia Beach, and graduated from Maury High School, Norfolk, in 1940. From 1940 to 1942 he was employed by Norfolk Newspapers, Inc., and at the Norfolk Naval Operating Base. On December 2, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps for duty in World War II, and was separated from active service on November 30, 1945. His tour of duty included two years overseas with the Ninth Air Force, based in England and later in France and Germany, where he was in charge of a supply and maintenance unit with the rank of staff sergeant.

Resuming civilian status, he first sought his old job at Naval Operating Base, but when offered a reduced rating, declined employment. It was at this time that he made the decision to enter the sheet-metal manufacturing business at Norfolk. Greatly handicapped in securing the necessary

machinery for an expanded manufacturing operation with his father, he went to Richmond, and there secured the indispensable minimum of equipment, and a consignment of sheet metal. The combination of his father's ability as a sheet-metal craftsman, and the progressive spirit of the younger Lumsden soon had the enterprise progressing rapidly. To keep pace with developments in his industry, Clarence H. Lumsden, Jr., has taken correspondence courses in engineering, and, under the guidance of his father, he has become a fine craftsman in his own right.

Clarence H. Lumsden, Jr., is a member of the Hampton Roads Executives Club, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the National Warm Air and Air Conditioning Association, and the Lafayette Yacht Club. He is a member and past grand of Lafayette Lodge No. 9, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A communicant of Norview Baptist Church, he is active on its building committee. He enjoys boating and hunting.

On December 23, 1945, Clarence H. Lumsden, Jr., married Ethelyn Butler Taylor of Bangor, Maine, daughter of LeRoy F. and Mae (Butler) Taylor. Mrs. Lumsden is active in civic and church affairs, being a member of the Norview Baptist Church. She is past noble grand of Rebekah Lodge No. 13, International Order of Odd Fellows, and first vice president of the Norview Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Association. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Curtis Hall, born September 21, 1948. 2. Lois Mae, born April 29, 1952. The family resides at 1324 Norview Avenue, Norfolk, and they have a summer home at Chesapeake Beach, Virginia.

RICHARD TWISDELL YATES—Practicing law at Newport News since his return from service in World War II, Richard Twisdell Yates is a partner in the firm of Ferguson, Yates and Stephens, which has its offices in the First National Bank Building.

He is one of the city's younger professional men, having been born on December 31, 1921, at Buffalo, New York, son of Edward Sears and Katherine (Basler) Yates. His father, who was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, served as an officer in the United States Marines, and was also a professor of languages at preparatory schools and colleges. He died on October 10, 1943. Katherine Basler, whom he married, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and she is still living. Beginning his public school education at Staunton, Virginia, Richard T. Yates later attended schools in Washington, D. C., and Charlottesville, Virginia, and he graduated from high school in the latter city in 1940. He attended the University of Virginia for two years. At the



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time of World War II, he served in the United States Army. After receiving his honorable discharge in 1943, he reentered the University of Virginia, where he completed his requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1946. He served on the board of editors of the "University of Virginia Law Review" in 1945-1946, and was a member of Sigma Nu Phi fraternity and The Raven.

Admitted to the bar of the State of Virginia on June 28, 1945, Mr. Yates commenced his general practice at Newport News as soon as he had completed his courses in the University of Virginia Law School. He joined the firm of Montague, Ferguson and Holt and later became a member of this partnership. This partnership was later dissolved and two firms emerged, one of which is now known as Ferguson, Yates and Stephens. The organization conducts a general practice in all courts, taking admiralty, insurance, corporation and probate law cases. Among the firms which it represents are the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Virginia Electric and Power Company, Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Norfolk, Prudential Insurance Company, Arkell Safety Bag Company, Hiden Storage and Forwarding Company, Inc., Peninsula Broadcasting Corporation, Railway Express Agency, The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, Newport News Automobile Exchange, and a number of nationally known insurance firms.

Mr. Yates is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a Democrat in his politics, and a member of Sigma Nu Phi and Sigma Nu fraternities, the Lions Club of Newport News, and Peninsula Lodge No. 278, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He attends the Episcopal Church. He is interested in floriculture and in outdoor sports.

At the University of Virginia Chapel in Charlottesville, on February 20, 1946, Richard Twisdell Yates married Mary Jane Sneed, a native of Charlottesville and a graduate of the University of Virginia, who received her degree of Bachelor of Science in Education in 1946. She is a daughter of John L. T. and Margaret (Marshall) Sneed. Mr. and Mrs. Yates have three children: 1. Edward Sears, 3rd, who was born on December 27, 1948. 2. Richard Marshall, born June 9, 1951. 3. William Stephen, born February 23, 1954.

WILLIAM HUNTER SCOTT—While his business experience has been chiefly in the field of highway contracting, W. Hunter Scott has recently turned his attention most effectively to residential community development. In fact, Hun-

terdale, his outstanding contribution in the building of suburbs, had its beginning eighteen years ago, and it has continued to grow until it now represents one of the most attractive communities of fine homes to be found anywhere. It is located near Franklin, where his firm, W. H. Scott, Inc., has its headquarters.

Mr. Scott was born in Southampton County, near the present village of Hunterdale, on April 30, 1903, and is a son of Andrew Jackson and Nellie Rebecca (Turner) Scott. His father too was a native of Southampton County, and is now deceased. He was a farmer. Nellie Rebecca Turner, whom he married, survives her husband, and is now seventy-five years of age. She was also born in Southampton County. Reared on his father's small farm, W. Hunter Scott attended the public schools of his native county, including Bethel School, and concluded his formal education with two years at Richmond High School in Richmond, Virginia.

The fact that he had an opportunity for work in the construction industry, while most youth of his age were still in the classroom, determined the course of his future career. His first position was in the capacity of "dinkey skinner" with the Allport Construction Company, which was then building a section of concrete road on Route Thirty-five near Courtland. The temporary rail lines for bringing up supplies were traversed by small engines known as dinkeys, and Mr. Scott derived his job classification from operating one of these. He later advanced to master mechanic with the same firm, and from this connection he went with the engineering firm of Allen J. Saville, Inc., of Richmond. While working in the old Confederate capital he took evening courses at John Marshall High School. With the Saville organization, he advanced to the position of superintendent in charge of heavy construction. He became thoroughly familiar with the details of bridge engineering and highway construction, valuable experience when he later entered business for himself.

He began taking his own contracts in 1931, beginning in a small way. The following year he first contracted with the Virginia Department of Highways and it was at that time that he established his first permanent organization at Franklin. During the late thirties, when the war clouds began to gather, the type of construction in which he was engaged became increasingly important. Not only were there defense highways to be built, but also airports and military bases. His larger-scale operations brought the need to incorporate his business. In 1940 W. H. Scott, Inc., was formed and chartered. W. Hunter Scott was its president; a cousin, E. M. Scott, vice president; and the founder's

brother, Vernard H. Scott, secretary and general manager of field operations. Descriptive of the work his firm carried out is this passage from an article in an early 1953 issue of the magazine "Virginia Road Builder":

This fine firm of road builders has made a lasting contribution to the highways of Virginia which are paved with concrete. In almost every section of eastern Virginia, where concrete is the usual type of paving for Class 1 roads, there is a job which W. H. Scott, Inc., has built and to which the firm can point with pride. . . . In addition to these highways, Hunter Scott and his firm also contributed a great deal to the defense effort. Airfield paving was one of the classes of construction on which they worked. The U. S. Naval Air Station has a lot of concrete yardage which the Scott organization built. Airfield pavements also were laid at Franklin, Emporia, and on the municipal airport at Camp Patrick Henry which serves Newport News and that section of the Virginia Peninsula.

Mr. Scott keeps in personal touch with his various projects by airplane and takes a close personal interest in all aspects of construction. He has been a licensed pilot for many years, and this trait has won him the epithet, "the flying contractor." His organization has on its payroll about two hundred and sixty persons—engineers, architects, clerical help, construction workers.

He began the development of the attractive community at Hunterdale in 1938, purchasing acreage adjacent to the farm on which he had been reared, and where he had long envisioned a burgeoning and pleasant residential area. He began the concrete realization of this vision by building his own home there, a rambling, one-story, ranch-type house which remains a showplace. Other homes were subsequently built on contract, set well back from the paved road which connects the village with Highway 58. The section is isolated by a section of densely wooded land which assures retention of its exclusive quality. The early homes were built at amazingly reasonable prices for an inflationary era, many for less than ten thousand dollars; but present valuation of the properties now is of course well in excess of that figure. There are now well over seventy residences, spaciouly laid out over an area of fifteen acres, and part of the old Scott farm is included in the town site, where Hunterdale Farms gives a pleasant rural touch. This has become a major dairying enterprise, with wide demand for its products.

Mr. Scott held the rank of first lieutenant in the militia during World War II. He has been active in industrial groups and was president of the Virginia Road Builders Association in 1955. He is a member of the Ruritan Club and the Lions Club, both of Franklin, the Cypress Cove Country Club, Princess Anne Country Club, and

the Cavalier Club. Attending Hunterdale Christian Church, he serves on its board of trustees. He is a Democrat in his politics.

At Virginia Beach on June 9, 1947, W. Hunter Scott married Gertrude Whitley of Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Whitley. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have two children: 1. Hunter Dale, born October 9, 1950. 2. William Hunter, Jr., born September 18, 1952.

EARL R. HATTEN—As president of Handy Oil Corporation, Earl R. Hatten heads an organization which operates twenty-three retail stations, and a sizable fuel-oil business, in the Newport News area. This firm was organized in July 1932, by Mr. Handy in association with Charles K. Hutchens and Latham B. Hewlett. Shortly afterwards, it purchased the interests of Phillips, The Oil Man, Inc., at Small Boat Harbor. In March 1936, Mr. Hatten and the late Charles A. Parker, purchased the entire stock of Handy Oil Corporation. At that time, its holdings consisted of two retail gasoline filling stations, a small bulk plant, and a few consumer fuel oil accounts served by one truck and one driver. By the mid-1940s there were twenty-two retail gasoline stations, a number of commercial gasoline accounts, and over five thousand fuel-oil accounts. The bulk plant has greatly increased in size over the intervening years. Although its volume of business has increased with sufficient rapidity, without the continued acquisition of new filling stations, one more has been added over the past decade, bringing the total to twenty-three. Handy Oil Corporation is distributor for Socony Mobil Oil products. Charles A. Parker, partner in the firm until the end of his life, died in May 1955. Since that time, Mr. Hatten has been sole owner, and president of the corporation.

A native of Tyler, Texas, Earl R. Hatten was born on October 27, 1893, son of Robert R. and Erah (Sligh) Hatten. His father, who was a merchant at Waco, Texas, is now deceased, although Mrs. Hatten is still living. Attending the public elementary and high schools of Waco, Earl R. Hatten went east for his advanced studies, enrolling at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, and later transferring to Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He trained as an engineer, and followed that profession during the early years of his career.

He first came to Newport News in 1929 as production manager for the H. E. Dodge Boat and Plane Corporation. Several years later he joined Mr. Parker and they purchased the Handy Oil Corporation, as outlined above.

Mr. Hatten is a veteran of World War I, having

served in the United States Navy. In the course of three years in the service, he attained the rank of lieutenant. He is a director of the Citizen's Marine Jefferson Bank, and a member of the Rotary Club at Newport News, the Propeller Club, the James River Country Club, and the lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Being a member of the higher bodies of Masonry, he belongs also to the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Methodist Church, and was formerly a member of the church of that denomination at Waco, Texas. Golf and gardening are Mr. Hatten's favorite outdoor pastimes.

At Schaghticoke, New York, on October 15, 1921, Earl R. Hatten married Leone Quackenbush, daughter of John and Nellie (Newland) Quackenbush. Mr. and Mrs. Hatten have two children: 1. John Q. Hatten, M.D., who was born on April 30, 1924. He practices in Newport News. Married, he is the father of three children: Robert R., Mary Beth, and John Q., Jr. 2. Erah, who was born on June 14, 1925. She became the wife of Lawrence W. Klierer of Warwick, and they have two children: Lawrence W., Jr., and Linda Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatten reside at 1205 Chesapeake Avenue, Newport News.

HENRY DUNCAN GARNETT—After his return from army service in World War II, Henry Duncan Garnett was admitted to the bar, and began practice at Newport News. He is now at Warwick, where he is serving as commonwealth attorney.

Born in Fredericksburg, Virginia, on April 11, 1915, he is a son of Henry Garnett and Mary S. (Merchant) Garnett. His father, a native of Westmoreland County, was a retail merchant in Fredericksburg, and died April 11, 1954. Mrs. Garnett was born in that city, and died on September 1, 1937. Receiving his public school education in Fredericksburg, Henry D. Garnett graduated from high school there in 1933. He was employed by Sylvania Industrial Corporation in Fredericksburg until he entered the University of Richmond in 1938. He volunteered for military service in January 1942. Enlisting in the United States Army, he remained in uniform until March 10, 1946, and served overseas for a considerable time, first in the Mediterranean area and later in the Pacific. He enlisted as a private, and at the time of his discharge held a captain's commission.

On returning to civilian life, Mr. Garnett completed courses which he had begun before joining the army. He had taken his undergraduate work at the University of Richmond, and in 1946 he completed his requirements for the degree of

Bachelor of Laws there. Admitted to the bar of the State of Virginia on July 9, 1946, he practiced in Newport News, as an associate in law firms in that city, until December 20, 1952. At that time he was appointed commonwealth attorney for Warwick City, and has held that position to the present time, being re-elected in 1955. He has offices for the private practice of law in the Court House at Denbeigh, Virginia. Mr. Garnett is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar and the Virginia State Bar Association.

He is also a member of the McNeil Law Society, Omicron Delta Kappa fraternity, the Kiwanis Club at Warwick, the Warwick Ruritan Club, and American Legion Post No. 255 in that city. He is a Democrat in his politics, and attends the Episcopal Church. Woodworking is his hobby.

At Richmond, on July 15, 1942, Henry Duncan Garnett married Frances Susette Williams of that city, daughter of Thomas J. and Minna (Ray) Williams. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Henry Duncan, Jr., who was born on July 24, 1944. 2. Robert Jefferson, born October 25, 1947. 3. Lloyd Moss, born January 24, 1952.

VIRGINIUS H. NUSBAUM, JR.—Three generations of the Nusbaum family have been serving the Lower Tidewater region through operations in the real estate and insurance business. Virginius H. Nusbaum, Jr., is a member of the third generation and as executive vice president of the old-established realty-insurance firm of S. L. Nusbaum and Company, Inc., is virtually the operating head of that business. Colleagues in his field have recognized his place in it by making him vice president of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Board of Realtors.

Mr. Nusbaum was born in Norfolk on November 21, 1927, the son of Virginius and Justine (Lowenberg) Nusbaum. Both his parents are also natives of Norfolk. The senior Virginius H. Nusbaum, associated with S. L. Nusbaum and Company, Inc., all of his working life, is president of that concern, but is semi-retired. He served in the United States Navy in World War I and in one of the fund-raising drives of the Norfolk Chapter of the American National Red Cross served as campaign chairman. He is also a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Norfolk-Portsmouth Board of Realtors, and the Masonic fraternity. It was his father, Sidney L. Nusbaum, who in 1911 established S. L. Nusbaum and Company, Inc., and who remained as head of the firm until 1937, two years before his death.

The younger Virginius H. Nusbaum received his early education in Norfolk's public schools.

Following his graduation from Maury High School in 1945, he spent two and one-half years at the University of Virginia. In 1947 he joined his father in the family real estate and insurance business and in 1953 became executive vice president. Forty persons are employed under his supervision. Besides his activity as an official of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Board of Realtors, Mr. Nusbaum is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Saints and Sinners Club, and the Democratic party. Like others of his family, he is prominent in Jewish circles. In 1955 his mother received the B'nai B'rith Distinguished Service Award for her leadership in civic and charitable projects. Mr. Nusbaum's favorite sports are boating and fishing. His home is at 1026 Manchester Avenue, Norfolk. His business headquarters are at 148 Granby Street.

Mr. Nusbaum married Nancy Nordlinger in Norfolk on April 23, 1949. She is the daughter of Alan and Rose (Kan) Nordlinger, the former a native of Washington, D. C., the latter of Norfolk. Mr. Nordlinger, who died in 1955, was in charge of the ladies' ready-to-wear department at Rice's Department Store, Norfolk. He also served with the armed forces in World War I. Mr. and Mrs. Nusbaum have one son: Alan Bee, who was born in Norfolk on November 11, 1950.

CLARENCE DAY—A certified public accountant, Clarence Day heads his own firm which has offices in the Helena Building in Norfolk.

He was born October 28, 1896, at New Bern, North Carolina, son of David John and Mary E. (Day) Day, both natives of North Carolina and both now deceased. His father was an electrical engineer for the city of New Bern, where he lived out his life, and where he died in 1950 at the age of seventy-five. Mrs. Day died in 1910 at the age of thirty-three.

Clarence Day received his elementary education in the public schools of New Bern, and graduated from Portsmouth High School, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in the Class of 1914. He then attended Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, and Pace and Pace Institute in New York City.

In 1917 he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard for duty in World War I and was honorably discharged at the end of the war as chief radio electrician, leaving the service in February 1919. In May of that year, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, until his honorable discharge from that branch of the service on February 2, 1920.

Thereafter until September 1924, Mr. Day was engaged in the private practice of accounting in

the city of New Bern, North Carolina, and he then entered the employ of the Farmer's Manufacturing Company, Inc., in Norfolk, Virginia, in the capacity of chief accountant. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 1931, having passed the examination given by the Virginia State Board of Accountancy.

From 1931 until the fall of 1936, Mr. Day was again in private practice as a certified Public Accountant in Norfolk. In the fall of 1936, he was engaged as an auditor with the State Auditor of Public Accounts at Richmond, Virginia, investigating the now abolished fee system under which certain state employees were compensated. Later leaving state employ to re-enter private business, he accepted a position as senior accountant with A. Lee Rawlings and Company in Norfolk, with which he continued until the spring of 1940.

In that year Mr. Day established his accounting firm, as Clarence Day, Certified Public Accountant, with offices in the Portlock Building, where he remained until January 1, 1957, at which time he organized a partnership, along with one of his sons, under the firm name of Clarence Day and Son, moving their office to 200-12 Helena Building. He is licensed to practice before the United States Treasury Department and the United States Tax Court. He has an excellent professional reputation throughout the Tidewater area. His firm serves a large clientele, with numerous commercial and industrial accounts throughout that region.

Mr. Day is a member of the American Institute of Accountants, Virginia Society of Public Accountants and other professional organizations. He is a member of the Masonic bodies, including Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Norfolk, and Dare County Shrine Club at Nags Head, North Carolina. He is also a member of the Cavalier Beach Club and the Cabana Club of Virginia Beach.

On March 17, 1917, at New Bern, North Carolina, Clarence Day married Sarah Emma Morton, daughter of William J. and Charlotte Morton of New Bern. The couple are the parents of five children: 1. Clarence, Jr., of Virginia Beach. 2. Robert Lee, who is a member of his father's accounting firm. 3. John Lewis, who is with the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia. 4. Day James Day, who is a partner of his father's accounting firm. 5. Walter Bryant, who is with the Harris Music Company at Virginia Beach. The family residence is at 211 Oriole Drive, Bird Neck Point, Virginia Beach.

JEROME PENDLETON CARR, 2nd—Portsmouth's attorney-at-law and civic leader Jerome Pendleton Carr was born in that city on March



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14, 1912, son of the late Dr. George Hopkins Carr, prominent physician of Portsmouth, who died October 10, 1954, and Lucille (Allen) Carr, also of that city.

Receiving his early education in the public schools of his native city, Jerome P. Carr graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in the Class of 1928. He received his degree of Bachelor of Arts from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, where he graduated in 1931, and his degree of Bachelor of Laws from the Law School of the University of Virginia in 1934.

Following his graduation from law school, he began his professional career as an attorney on the staff of the Tax Division of the United States Department of Justice. He continued with this government agency until February 1939, and from that time until November 1943, was an associate in the law firm of Brown, Jackson, and Knight, of Charleston, West Virginia.

He left this connection to enter the United States Army as a private for service in World War II, and, after receiving training in several army schools, was sent overseas and assigned to criminal investigation as liaison agent with the French Police, stationed in Paris. He was separated from active service at Fort Dix, New Jersey, in April 1946, holding at that time the rank of staff sergeant.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Carr began the private practice of law in Portsmouth, in September 1946. In September 1947, he became associated in practice with H. W. MacKenzie, who is now serving as associate judge of the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit of Virginia, and with John A. MacKenzie, in the law firm of Mackenzie, Carr, and MacKenzie. This was the predecessor of the present firm of MacKenzie and Carr. Engaged in the general practice of law, the firm is one of the more prominent in the Portsmouth and Tidewater Virginia areas.

In professional affiliation, Mr. Carr is a member of the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association. He is also a member of the Virginia State Bar Association; the American Bar Association; Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society; and Kappa Alpha, social fraternity.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Carr has served as president of the Portsmouth Council of Social Agencies and since January 1955, as chairman of the board of the Portsmouth Area Counselling and Guidance Clinic.

Since 1948 he has served as president of the board of trustees of the Portsmouth Public Library. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Portsmouth, the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, the Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country

Club, and American Legion Post No. 37 of Portsmouth. His favorite sport is tennis.

On June 22, 1938, in Warrenton, North Carolina, Jerome Pendleton Carr, 2nd, married Caroline Ward, daughter of V. F. and Carrie (Chalmers) Ward of Warrenton. The couple reside at 402 Acres Road, Portsmouth.

GEORGE F. WILKINSON and LAMAR S. WILKINSON—As president and treasurer of G. F. Wilkinson Company, Inc., Lamar S. Wilkinson guides the operations of a real estate and insurance firm which has been serving the Lower Tidewater region for six decades. It was founded by his father George F. Wilkinson, whose name it bears, and whose biography is also a part of this record. From his headquarters in Suite 309-310 Monticello Arcade in Norfolk, the firm's present head oversees activities which extend into many parts of the Old Dominion. He has many interests outside of his field of business, and is a veteran of both World War II and the Korean conflict.

George F. Wilkinson was born at Norfolk on July 10, 1871, son of William S. and Elizabeth (Farant) Wilkinson. He completed his education at Davis Military Academy and 1888 began his career in the real estate field, thereafter winning recognition as an appraiser. He founded the G. F. Wilkinson Company, Inc., in 1898, and served as its president until his death on July 20, 1938. He was prominent in many other affairs in the Lower Tidewater area. He was a director of the Seaboard Citizens National Bank; was secretary-treasurer of the Farant Investment Company of Norfolk; and was vice president of the Norfolk Federal Savings and Loan Association. For a time he served on the Norfolk board of aldermen. Active in the Norfolk-Portsmouth Board of Realtors, he was elected its vice president in 1924 and its president in 1927. He served on the vestry of Christ and St. Luke's Church; was for twenty-five years secretary of the Norfolk German Club; and served for a like period as secretary of the Chesapeake Club. He was also active in the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

On November 19, 1908, George F. Wilkinson married Louie Sharp, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, who was born in 1877. She survives him, and is one of Norfolk's most highly regarded citizens. The couple became the parents of three children: 1. George F., Jr., who was born in Norfolk on January 4, 1911. He owns and operates Dixieland Products Company, Inc., in that city. Married to the former Miss Margaret Guy of Norfolk, he is the father of one son: George F., III. 2. Lamar S., of whom further. 3. Elizabeth, born on May 18, 1917. She is the wife of James E. Hendry, III,

and they make their home in Fort Myers, Florida. They are the parents of three children: Susan, Peggy and Molly Hendry.

Mrs. Loulie (Sharp) Wilkinson is a charter member of the Norfolk Country Club, and a longtime member of the Garden Club of Norfolk. A member of the Norfolk Society of the Arts, she formerly served as its treasurer; and she also holds membership in the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences. She is a communicant of Christ and St. Luke's Church.

In his early years, Lamar S. Wilkinson attended Virginia Episcopal School and Norfolk Academy, and entered Maury High School to complete his secondary studies, graduating there in 1932. In that year he went to Washington, D. C., where he joined the staff of the United States Geological Survey, but he returned to Norfolk in 1935 to become associated with his father in the operation of the G. F. Wilkinson Company, Inc. Their association ended with his father's death in 1938. As Lamar Wilkinson's uncle then took over the business, the founder's son entered the employ of the Department of Water Supply of the City of Norfolk.

In February 1941, he enlisted in the Virginia National Guard and was attached to Battery B of the 111th Field Artillery Regiment. In October 1942, he transferred to the United States Army, and after training at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. The date of his commission was December 23, 1942. His service in the corps kept Mr. Wilkinson in the states, chiefly at Camp Polk, Louisiana, until February 1945, when he was sent overseas with the 93rd Field Hospital. He arrived in the Philippines on April 13, and until December 1945, was stationed outside Manila. He then returned to the United States and was released to Active Reserve status as a captain.

Until 1948, Mr. Wilkinson was associated with the Fidelity and Guarantee Insurance Company at Baltimore. For the next three years he was in the real estate business in Norfolk. In March 1951, the army recalled him to active duty, assigning him to Fort Lewis, Washington. After a year there, he was sent to Japan, where he spent an equal period of time. He later spent seven months in Korea, where he participated in battle action with the Seventh Division. In January 1954, Mr. Wilkinson resigned from the service, and he and Mrs. Wilkinson went to Europe for a vacation.

Upon his return in March 1954, he became president and treasurer of the firm which had been founded by his father fifty-six years before. He has since managed the affairs of G. F. Wilkinson Company, Inc., and has continued to build its

volume of business and its favorable reputation. An active member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Board of Realtors, Mr. Wilkinson has served on various of its committees. He is a member of the Norfolk Assembly and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and he attends Christ and St. Luke's Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Lamar S. Wilkinson has been married and is the father of one child: Lamar Hollyday, born in Baltimore on July 1, 1947. He makes his home at 616 Boissevain Avenue, Norfolk.

CLIFFORD E. CRAVER—After experience in agriculture, government service and private industry, Clifford E. Craver put his specialized training in accounting to effective use as senior partner in the firm of Craver, Green and Company, Certified Public Accountants, which has its offices in the National Bank of Commerce Building in Norfolk.

A native of Lexington, North Carolina, Mr. Craver was born on November 26, 1909, son of William L. and Lelia (Craver) Craver, both natives of North Carolina. His father was born in Lexington, on July 20, 1879, and died there on August 8, 1928. He was a prominent dairy farmer. His wife, the former Lelia Craver, was born on April 5, 1889, at Lexington, where she continues to reside.

Clifford E. Craver graduated from Arcadia High School in Lexington, North Carolina, in 1925, and attended North Carolina State College at Raleigh from 1925 to 1929. Thereafter until 1931 he was engaged by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Extension Service, with headquarters at Warrenton, Virginia. In 1931-1932, he did graduate work at North Carolina State College, studying statistics, and during 1932-1933 he was associated with his father's farming interests at Lexington.

In 1933 Mr. Craver joined the United States Department of Agriculture, working as an auditor, engaged in both office and field work, with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. From 1941 to 1943 he was employed as assistant plant manager in charge of records for the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Norfolk.

Mr. Craver then entered the United States Army, and served as a technical sergeant at Camp Grant, Illinois. He was later transferred to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., after which he was assigned to overseas service in the Italian theater.

Following his separation from army service in 1946, Mr. Craver became staff accountant with J. A. D. Parrish, Certified Public Accountant of Norfolk. Following the death of Mr. Parrish in November 1951, he purchased the accounting busi-



Clifford E. Craver

ness from the Parrish estate, and conducted the business as his own enterprise until July 1, 1954. It was at that time that he formed his present partnership with Melvin R. Green, in the firm now known as Craver, Green and Company, Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Craver completed his professional training in accounting through correspondence courses with the International Accounting Society of Chicago, and the LaSalle Extension University in that city. On July 25, 1951, he became a Certified Public Accountant, having passed the examination given by the Virginia State Board of Accountancy. He is licensed to practice before the United States Treasury Department.

Professionally he is affiliated with the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Accountants, the National Association of Cost Accountants. Apart from these contacts with his colleagues, he is a member of the Lions Club of Norfolk and the Norfolk Executives Club. He attends the First Lutheran Church of Norfolk, which he serves as deacon and treasurer.

On July 12, 1939, Clifford E. Craver married Mrs. Kathryn (Holmes) Smith of Lexington, daughter of E. H. and Corinna Holmes. Mr. and Mrs. Craver are the parents of a son, Clifford E., Jr. The family resides at 7430 Muirfield Road, Norfolk.

CHARLES ARMISTEAD BAYNE—The reputation of Charles Armistead Bayne lies in two fields—the business world and the cultural affairs of the Lower Tidewater. As a business man, he is president and treasurer of C. M. Bayne and Company, Inc., dealers in building materials. One of his major roles in cultural activities is that of chairman of the Norfolk Public Library Board.

Mr. Bayne was born in Norfolk on June 29, 1902, the son of Charles Meredith and Harriet Emory (Beazley) Bayne. His father, born in Essex County, Virginia, died in 1933, was a prominent business man and founded C. M. Bayne and Company, Inc. From 1896 to 1902 he was a member of the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues. Charles A. Bayne began his education in Norfolk's public schools. Later he attended the University of Virginia and finally Columbia University in New York City. From the latter he received, in 1928, the degree of Bachelor of Literature.

He has been associated with the building materials concern, one of the largest in its field in the Lower Tidewater, his entire working life. The firm's plant and offices are along the Norfolk and Western Railway right-of-way at Llewellyn Street. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Bayne became chairman of the Norfolk Public Library Board in 1953.

He is also active in the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal). At college (University of Virginia), he was elected to Zeta Psi fraternity.

On October 21, 1931, at Scarsdale, New York, Mr. Bayne married Margaret Henry Williams, daughter of Oscar and Loula (Wood) Williams. They have two children: 1. Charles Armistead, Jr., born on June 1, 1934. 2. Margaret Cotten, born on November 22, 1936. Mr. and Mrs. Bayne and their two children live at 7901 North Shore Road, Norfolk.

WILLIAM HENRY RAWLS—The name of Rawls has been synonymous with fine furniture in South Norfolk for many years. As manager of the South Norfolk Furniture Company, William Henry Rawls is carrying on a tradition established by his father, Lennie Dean Rawls, who founded the firm in 1910. Mrs. Virginia Ethel Rawls, wife of the founder, also remains active in its management.

Lennie Dean Rawls was born October 27, 1877, in Arapahoe, Pamlico County, North Carolina, descended from Scotch-Irish colonial settlers in Virginia and North Carolina. His parents were William Henry and Sarah Elizabeth (Jordan) Rawls, residents of Pamlico County where William H. Rawls was a planter. Lennie Dean Rawls passed his boyhood in the vicinity of his birth and attended country schools, walking five miles each way to attend classes. This was the extent of his formal education. He served in the Spanish-American War in Cuba, and in his early youth came to South Norfolk, where he worked for a time for the Ambrose Feed and Coal Company and later with the E. H. Barnes Company. In 1910 he entered the furniture business in a small way, in that city, first dealing in second-hand furniture with two partners. Later he bought out their interests, and formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, J. B. Flora, who continued as a partner in the firm until 1927. At that time Lennie D. Rawls acquired sole ownership of the business. Since 1915, the South Norfolk Furniture Company has been located at 519 Liberty Street, and with the years it has grown to one of the largest in the Tidewater region. Lennie D. Rawls continued active in its management, with his wife, Virginia Ethel Rawls, until his death on January 1, 1946. She is a capable business woman, and takes her share of the management responsibilities along with her son, William Henry Rawls, who became active in executive capacities in 1936. In keeping with the policies laid down by the founder, the South Norfolk Furniture Company emphasizes friendly dealings, fair prices and quality merchandise. It carries a complete line

of home furnishings and household appliances produced by nationally known manufacturers.

Lennie D. Rawls was active in the civic and fraternal as well as the business life of his city. He was a member of the Better Business and Professional Club, and for twenty-six years served as financial secretary of Woodmen of the World, Berkley Camp No. 46. He was also for some time auditor of the Woodmen of the World's Jurisdiction of Virginia. A member of the Chesapeake Avenue Methodist Church, he served on the board of stewards at the time the present church was built, and for a time was president of the Bible class. He found a profitable avocation in dealing in livestock and was particularly interested in horses.

In Norfolk County, on August 20, 1904, Lennie Dean Rawls married Virginia Ethel Flora, daughter of John and Martha Flora, both natives of North Carolina. In addition to her role in the management of the company, Mrs. Rawls is active in community affairs. She is a member of the Chesapeake Avenue Methodist Church and of its Women's Society of Christian Service, and also a member of the Woodmen Circle Grove No. 37, National Council, Daughters of America, and the Women's Benefit Society. Mr. and Mrs. Rawls became the parents of nine children: 1. Flora Virginia, who married Chester Garland Leggette of South Norfolk. 2. William Henry, of whom further. 3. Leonard Dean, who died at Marysville, California, on March 15, 1956. He was married to Bessie Sue Foster of Norfolk County. 4. Sarah Elizabeth (Rawls) Birch of Hampton. 5. Ashburn LeRoy, who married Mildred Wilder. They reside in Newport News. 6. Eleanor Lucile, who married Willoughby H. Black. They reside at Little Cedar Lane, Princess Anne County. 7. Alfred Junior, who died in childhood on August 30, 1931. 8. Shirley Hope, who married Harold E. Sayles, Jr., of Norfolk County. 9. Raymond Leigh, unmarried, who lives in Jackson Heights, a community of greater New York City.

William Henry Rawls was born in South Norfolk on March 31, 1907. He graduated from the South Norfolk High School in 1928. For a year and a half, early in his career, he was associated with his father in the operation of the furniture company, and from 1930 to 1936, was in the insurance business as an employee of Pilot Life Insurance Company, which has its headquarters at Norfolk. Since 1936, he has been actively associated with the management of the South Norfolk Furniture Company and that continues to be his major business activity. A progressive executive, he has greatly expanded the business to include the retailing of representative top brands of furniture and household appliances. The firm markets its

goods throughout the South Norfolk trade area, and has accounts in Norfolk and Princess Anne counties as far south as the North Carolina state line. The company holds organizational membership in the Southern Retail Furniture Association.

A veteran of naval service in World War II, William Henry Rawls entered the navy in April 1943, and held a rating of pharmacist's mate, second class, at the time of his separation from active service in September 1945. Active in the Woodmen of the World, he is a member of Berkley Camp No. 46 and is currently serving as its secretary. He has held every office of the lodge in the Jurisdiction of Virginia, and attended the Woodmen's national convention in Washington, D. C., in 1953, and the convention in Los Angeles, California, in 1955. He is also a member of the Willie Lee Lodge No. 119, Knights of Pythias, and of Berkley Lodge No. 167, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He serves on the board of stewards of the Memorial Methodist Church, and is also a member of its finance committee. His favorite outdoor sport is fishing.

At Norfolk, on February 20, 1929, William Henry Rawls married Margaret Eugenia Coffield, daughter of William Capart and Sudie Beaslie (Cooper) Coffield, both of Norfolk and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rawls are the parents of two children: 1. Margaret Eugenia, a graduate of Maury High School and of Mary Watson College. Majoring in mathematics there, she graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is now a member of the faculty of Granby High School. She married William E. Bachtell, who is with the Standard Oil Company at Norfolk. 2. William Henry, Jr., a graduate of Maury High School who received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He is now serving in the United States Air Force and is stationed at Dayton, Ohio. He holds the rank of lieutenant. He is married to the former Miss Mira Bassa, a native of Pennsylvania.

CARL MOORE JORDAN—So closely is the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bridge linked with the name of Carl Moore Jordan, in the minds of area residents, that it is in fact more familiarly known as the Jordan Bridge. When recently Mr. Jordan's distinguished career came to a close, his official position was that of executive vice president and general manager of the South Norfolk Bridge Commission, Inc. But he will be primarily known, throughout the years to come, as the man whose faith and business abilities made possible the maintenance and successful operation of the structure which, more than any other, has changed the face of this section of Tidewater Virginia.



Carl M. Foster,

His work is commemorated, along with that of W. P. Jordan and other associates, on a bronze tablet conspicuously placed on the bridge. The span is located just south of the Norfolk Navy Yard, and connects with Virginia Route 337 across the southern branch of the Elizabeth River. It was C. M. and W. P. Jordan who were leaders in securing permission of Congress to build the bridge, which was granted in Public Bill No. 272, approved by the 69th Congress on May 23, 1926. They also took the lead in its financing, the original cost being one million, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Bonds were sold through Wall Street brokers. The bridge was opened for traffic on August 24, 1928, and was dedicated by Harry F. Byrd. C. M. Jordan was the first president of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bridge Corporation responsible for its operation, but he and his brother sold their entire holdings to New York interests in June 1929, severing all connections with the project. The adverse economic conditions which followed forced the bridge into receivership in 1931, and Charles R. Welton was named receiver. An appeal was made to C. M. Jordan to return and show his faith in the importance of the project by buying bonds and casting his lot with the bondholders in an effort to put the bridge back on its feet. So successful was the effort that a basis for reorganization was reached in December 1932, and refinancing arranged on a second mortgage basis with Philadelphia and Baltimore bankers. The bridge was taken out of receivership on August 1, 1933, and Charles R. Welton was made president of a new corporation. In July 1938, following the death of Mr. Welton, C. M. Jordan was requested by the bankers representing the security holders to take charge of the bridge and try to extricate it from its difficulties. To promote increased usage, a slogan was adopted: "Don't Fool Yourself—Save Seven Miles," and as the truth of this slogan gained acceptance, traffic across the span increased. When gas rationing was put into effect at the time of World War II, the public came to realize fully the importance of the miles saved.

The significance of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bridge lies in the fact that Norfolk, being virtually on an island, had been connected with Portsmouth only by ferries since colonial days. Its construction made possible the first direct route between the cities, and from Richmond to the sea. Since 1938 the span has been operated by the South Norfolk Bridge Commission, Inc., with C. M. Jordan as executive vice president and general manager until his death. Jesse J. Parkerson, whose biography is in this volume, was made president. Capably managed, the bridge is now as sound a structure from the financial as from the engineering viewpoint,

and has become an indispensable asset to the people of Tidewater Virginia.

Carl Moore Jordan, whose vision and courage were the prime forces in making it possible, was born near Sussex Court House, Virginia, on January 22, 1880, son of the Rev. William P. and Alice (Moore) Jordan. His paternal grandparents were the Rev. Costen and Ann (Pell) Jordan of Gates County, North Carolina, while his maternal grandparents, John Holt and Elizabeth (Parsons) Moore, lived in Sussex County, Virginia. The son of a Methodist clergyman, the Rev. William P. Jordan was licensed to preach at the age of twenty years. He married Miss Alice Moore of Sussex County in 1876, and for many years they labored together side by side for their church, he preaching and attending to parish duties, and she leading the choir and teaching Sunday school. After retirement they lived in Chase City, Virginia, but in 1901 they moved to Norfolk to make their home with their sons. For many years the Rev. William P. Jordan was a teacher of a men's Bible class in the Park Place Methodist Church, and he was a member of the Virginia Conference for over fifty years, at the time of his death in Norfolk on December 5, 1919. His wife died in that city in 1942, at the age of ninety-six.

The couple were the parents of two sons, Wallace Pell and Carl Moore Jordan. The former came to Norfolk in 1897, and was soon joined by his brother. When C. M. Jordan arrived, about 1900, he first took a traveling position with the Richmond Cedar Works, in which he continued until 1907, when he and his brother organized the Jordan Brothers Lumber Company of South Norfolk. The business started in a small way, and was organized under the above name in 1907. It carried on a successful lumbering operation in the Dismal Swamp. In the years which followed, the brothers constructed over two hundred miles of logging railroad on the south end of the George Washington Grant in Dismal Swamp, totaling about forty-six thousand acres. From this region they took out vast amounts of cedar timber. With peak operations during World War I, Jordan Brothers Lumber Company sold millions of feet of lumber to the United States government. In the course of making frequent trips into the Dismal Swamp area, Carl Moore Jordan came to realize the need for a bridge to replace the ferry connecting Norfolk and Portsmouth. He immediately went to work to bring this plan to reality, but about five years were required to get the consent of Congress to bridge the river. In September 1930, Carl M. Jordan lost the companionship of a brother to whom he was deeply devoted, with the death of Wallace Pell Jordan. The Jordan Brothers Lum-

ber Company was continued by C. M. Jordan as owner. He operated it until 1937, at which time it was liquidated.

The bridge which is most often called the Jordan Bridge is not the only distinctive contribution made by Mr. Jordan to the Tidewater area. He had long realized the need for a tunnel also to connect Norfolk with Portsmouth, and this too became a reality in 1952. He also long advocated a tunnel to connect the Ocean View section of Norfolk with Old Point Comfort, advocating a bridge to extend from the end of Willoughby Beach to Old Rip Raps Fort, and a tunnel down the fort to the Old Point Comfort area. The state of Virginia finally came through with a bond issue of eighty million dollars to carry out this project and other obligations, and the bridge and tunnel are now rapidly nearing completion. The Virginia Legislature has also authorized construction of a second tunnel from Old Fort Norfolk under the river to Hospital Point on the Portsmouth side, and a fourteen-mile tunnel-and-bridge are planned between Cape Henry and Cape Charles.

Mr. Jordan was always a devoted church worker. From 1900 he was a member of the Epworth Methodist Church of Norfolk, where he placed the Jordan Memorial windows in memory of his brother, his parents, and grandparents. He was a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

On June 30, 1930, at South Norfolk, Carl Moore Jordan married Mary Louise Baker, who was born on the Ravenswood Plantation, Assumption Parish, Louisiana, daughter of Robert Lee and Mary Louise (Whittington) Baker. Her father was a prominent sugar planter. Mrs. Jordan is active in cultural affairs, and is a member of the Great Bridge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She attends Epworth Methodist Church. She and Mr. Jordan were the parents of four children: 1. Alice Louise, born July 25, 1934. She graduated from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, in 1956, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and is a member of Chi Omega sorority. She married June 15, 1957, Ensign Bruce Hanson Purvis of Vale, Oregon. 2. Frances Ivy, born December 10, 1937. She was a member of the Class of 1956 at Maury High School. 3. Carl Moore, Jr., born February 20, 1941; attending Maury High School. 4. Robert Lucius, born January 18, 1944. All the children are members of the Old Cannon Ball Society, Children of the American Revolution, and Frances Ivy Jordan is Virginia State President of the Children of the American Revolution. The Jordan family residence is at 301 West 29th Street, one of the fine old homes of Norfolk.

In the death of Carl Moore Jordan, on May 7, 1957, the Tidewater area lost the leader who had

been the most responsible for the many changes in its physical aspect. His influence as a community-builder will continue throughout the coming years.

EARLE ASHLAND CADMUS—Portsmouth attorney-at-law Earle Ashland Cadmus has to his credit a noteworthy record of service as member of the Virginia House of Delegates and is currently serving as secretary of the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association. In his private practice as well as in public service, he has proved himself an outstanding member of the legal profession.

A native of Portsmouth, he was born on December 12, 1901, son of Charles Linwood and Rose Virginia (Calvert) Cadmus. His father was long active in the public affairs of Portsmouth, where for a number of years he was lieutenant of police. The Portsmouth attorney is descended from early colonial families of Maryland and Virginia. In the maternal line, the Calvert family, of English descent, played a historic part in the colonization of Maryland.

Earle A. Cadmus received his early education in the public schools of Portsmouth and graduated from that city's Woodrow Wilson High School in 1921. He attended the College of William and Mary for one year, then entered Washington and Lee University, Lexington, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in the Class of 1926. Admitted to the Virginia State Bar in that year, he began his general practice of law in Portsmouth, where he has continued to enjoy a successful practice since. He established offices in the New Kirn Building.

In addition to his private practice, Earle A. Cadmus serves as substitute judge for the Norfolk County Circuit Court, having been appointed in 1953. Since his young manhood, he has taken a deep interest in public affairs. Following his graduation from law school in 1926, he became a candidate from Portsmouth for the Virginia House of Delegates and was elected. He served the three terms beginning in the years 1928, 1930, and 1932 and in the special session of 1933, and in the course of his tenure of office, he has made a distinguished record as legislator. A member of the Portsmouth-Norfolk Bar Association, Mr. Cadmus served as its secretary in 1956-1957. He is also a member of the Virginia State Bar Association and has been elected to a three year term as a member of the Council of the integrated bar of Virginia. Apart from his professional connections, he is a member of the Portsmouth Lions Club. His fraternity is Sigma Delta Kappa (legal), and he attends the Broad Street Methodist Church.

At Portsmouth, on July 8, 1941, Earle A. Cad-

mus married Elsie Mayson Hinman, daughter of the late John J. and Lili Mason (Baughen) Hinman of Portsmouth. Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus reside at 103 Colony Road, in that city.

WILLIAM RUFFIN CARPENTER, Jr.—A short time after he had returned from wartime service in the army, William Ruffin Carpenter, Jr., returned to Newport News from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and entered the real estate and insurance business with his brother. They operate an agency under the name of Carpenter Brothers.

A native Virginian, William R. Carpenter, Jr., was born at Cochran on November 23, 1915, son of William Ruffin, Sr., and Henrietta (Elliott) Carpenter. His father was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, in 1859, while his mother was a native of York County. The elder William R. Carpenter dealt in large property holdings, such as timberlands and farms. His death occurred on April 1, 1944, and his wife, the former Henrietta Elliott, survived him until May 23, 1954.

William R. Carpenter, Jr., attended public schools in Alberta and graduated from Newport News High School in June 1933. Attracted to the shipbuilding industry, he served his apprenticeship in the trade and for four years was on the payroll of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. He left to serve in World War II—in fact, his entry into military service predated this country's participation in the conflict, for he enlisted on February 3, 1941. Commissioned a second lieutenant, he had risen to the rank of lieutenant colonel by the time of his separation from the service on February 9, 1946. He served with the 176th Infantry Regiment, a component of the 29th Division.

When he returned to civilian life, Mr. Carpenter located at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he operated a retail and wholesale hobby and handicraft supplies business under the name of Veterans Handicraft Company. In September 1947, he disposed of this business and returned to Virginia, joining his brother Joseph E. Carpenter in the insurance and real estate business in Newport News. Their address is Carpenter Building, 105 Thirtieth Street, Newport News. His brother is also the subject of a biographical sketch in this volume.

William R. Carpenter, Jr., is a member of the James River Country Club. He is a Democrat in his politics and attends Hidenwood Presbyterian Church in Warwick. A charter member of this congregation, he serves on its board of deacons.

In Newport News, on December 20, 1941, William Ruffin Carpenter, Jr., married Millicent Gay of that city, daughter of Donald and Martha (Land) Gay. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are the

parents of three children: 1. William Ruffin, III, who was born on January 2, 1943. 2. Martha Gay, born January 19, 1946. 3. Donald Winthrop, born April 26, 1953. Mr. Carpenter's home address is 26 Jacobs Lane, Warwick.

LOUIS LESLIE WASSERMAN—A certified public accountant whose offices are in the Royster Building, Norfolk, Louis L. Wasserman has continuously practiced in that city since he passed the examination of the Virginia State Board of Accountancy in 1942. He has consistently adhered to a high standard in his profession.

He is a native of Norfolk and was born on September 4, 1914, son of Samuel Louis and Mary Vivian (King) Wasserman of Norfolk. His father, who died in 1920, was for a number of years the proprietor of a retail meat market in Norfolk. Receiving his early education in the public schools of that city, Louis L. Wasserman attended the Walter H. Taylor Elementary School, Blair Junior High School, and Maury High School where he graduated in 1932.

He began his career in the accounting profession with the firm of Waller and Woodhouse, and continued his studies by attending evening classes at the College of William and Mary (Norfolk Division), where he majored in business administration and accounting. In 1942 he became a Certified Public Accountant, and from 1943 to 1947, was a partner in the firm of Walker Rogers and Company, a Norfolk public accounting firm.

In the latter year he left to organize his own accounting firm. As Louis L. Wasserman, Certified Public Accountant, he now occupies quarters in the Royster Building. The firm has prospered, and has attracted a large clientele among the commercial and industrial organizations of Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia.

Mr. Wasserman is a member of the American Institute of Accountants, the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, and is licensed to practice before the United States Treasury Department.

Active in civic and community affairs, he is a member of the Wards Corner Business and Professional Association, and is currently serving as its secretary-treasurer. He is a member of the Wards Corner Lions Club of Norfolk, the Norfolk Torch Club and the Knights of Pythias lodge. A communicant of Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, he serves his congregation as an elder and is also superintendent of the Sunday school.

On April 18, 1938, in Norfolk, Louis L. Wasserman married Edith Verena Cole of Norfolk. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Louis Leslie, Jr., born in that city on October 28, 1939.

2. Jessie Cole, born in Norfolk on January 18, 1942.
 3. Susan Anne, born in Norfolk on March 9, 1947.
- The family resides at 209 Carlisle Way, Norfolk.

FRANK W. KELLAM—In the city of Princess Anne, Frank W. Kellam has a creditable record of over a quarter of a century of executive leadership in the building supply industry. He is one of the original founders of Kellam and Eaton, Inc., and is now president, treasurer, and manager. In addition he is treasurer of two other corporations in the city; and he has been very active in community and organizational affairs.

A native of Princess Anne, he was born on October 11, 1905, son of Abel E. and Clara O. (Eaton) Kellam, and has been a resident of the city practically his entire life. He received his public school education there, and graduated from its high school in 1925. His first employment was in the city's post office, where he worked until a few years ago, carrying along many other enterprises during these years.

During this time Kellam & Eaton Inc. was formed as a general merchandise business, finally leading into the present building supply business, which at this time carries everything necessary for construction of a building. Besides this major business connection, Mr. Kellam is treasurer of Princess Anne Plumbing and Electrical Suppliers, Inc., and treasurer of Court House Service Station, Inc. As a leader in his chosen field of commerce, in this region, he serves on the board of directors of the Virginia Building Materials Dealers.

In the course of his community activities, he has served as president of the Boy Scouts of America's organization in Princess Anne, and is past chairman of the Blood Bank there. Since 1941, he has been a member of the Virginia Beach Rotary Club, and has served as its president. He is also past district governor of District 277, Rotary International. A member of the Princess Anne Ruritan Club since 1936, he has likewise served as its president. He has been governor of Holland District of Ruritan National; and national president of the nationwide organization, and now serves as a member of its board of directors.

Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Kellam is a member and past master of Princess Anne Lodge No. 25. He is also past district deputy grand master. He belongs to the Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Princess Anne Shrine Club, serving as its president during the year of 1956-1957.

A communicant of the Nimmo Methodist Church,

Mr. Kellam has served about twenty years as a teacher and superintendent of its Sunday school, and is also a member of its board of stewards.

In 1928, Frank W. Kellam married Mary Bateman of Princess Anne, daughter of Lorenzo D. and Annie L. (Miller) Bateman. The couple are the parents of the following children: 1. Frank W., Jr. He is a graduate of Duke University, from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts; serving four years in the United States Navy's Air Force, he won a lieutenant's commission. He is now an executive of Princess Anne Plumbing and Electrical Suppliers, Inc. He married Bessie L. Salmons of Princess Anne, and they have one daughter, Mary Susan. 2. Jacqueline C., a graduate of William and Mary College, and now a teacher at Oceana, Virginia. 3. David E.

FITZ ORMON CLARKE—As an executive of Farmers Nut Corporation at Suffolk over the past decade, Fitz Ormon Clarke is now in charge of plant operations of this peanut processing firm, which is owned by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. He has also taken an active part in the political life of Nansemond County, and is currently serving on the board of supervisors.

He was born in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, on July 8, 1905, son of Thomas Percy and Lula (Robertson) Clarke. His father, also a native of that county, has spent most of his life in the insurance business at Church Road. Mrs. Clarke is also still living. Their son attended the public schools of Dinwiddie County, and in 1922 graduated from Midway High School. He later entered the College of William and Mary, and graduated there in 1928 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

For ten years, Mr. Clarke taught school at Whaleyville, being a member of the high school faculty and athletic director. He has made his home in that city since, although for the past decade his business interests have been centered in Suffolk. He became associated with the Farmers Nut Corporation in that city in 1946, and served for eight years as secretary and treasurer under the former management. In 1954, the peanut processing plant, its holdings and facilities were sold to the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. Mr. Clarke has remained with the new management as personnel director and plant superintendent, both of which positions he holds at the present time. The plant of Farmers Nut Corporation is located on Newport Street in Suffolk.

A Democrat in his politics, Mr. Clarke is now serving his third term as a member of the Nansemond County Board of Supervisors. A Kiwanian, he is a member of the club at Suffolk, and in his home city of Whaleyville, belongs to the Ruritan



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Club. He attends the Methodist Church in that city, and serves on its board of stewards.

It was there, on June 29, 1933, that Fitz Ormon Clarke married Patty Riddick Hunter, a resident of Whaleyville and daughter of Dr. H. H. and Brownley (Odom) Hunter. Her father, for many years a physician there, is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have two children: 1. Henry Holmes Hunter, who was born on May 15, 1937. 2. Fitz Ormon, Jr., born February 28, 1941.

WALTER BERNARD WILLIAMS—The electrical contracting business operated by Walter Bernard Williams, the Perry Electric Company, maintains offices and plant at 247 Twenty-eighth Street, Newport News. Once an employee of this concern, Mr. Williams is now its president. He has developed a statewide reputation among his colleagues in this field of business and in church and fraternal circles on the Virginia Peninsula.

Mr. Williams was born in Newport News on October 13, 1904, the son of Walter T. and Margaret Ada (Gwynn) Williams. His father, who was born in Eagle Rock, North Carolina, on December 22, 1881, was a shipfitters' foreman at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for many years until his death on February 22, 1914. Margaret Gwynn Williams, born in Norfolk County on January 7, 1880, survives her husband. She is living in Newport News.

Walter B. Williams is a graduate of one of the Newport News' elementary schools. He attended Newport News High School for two years. When he left school, he apprenticed himself in the electricians' trade at the Perry Electric Company, which was founded in 1918 by W. B. Perry. In 1938 Mr. Williams became vice president of the company and in 1953, after Mr. Perry's death, succeeded him in the presidency. The company specializes in electrical contracting, but also deals in electrical supplies on both a wholesale and retail basis. It employs forty persons.

Mr. Williams is a director of the Virginia Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association, being active also in the national organization. In addition, he is a member of the Peninsula Engineers Club, the Cosmopolitan Club of Newport News, and such Masonic bodies as Peninsula Lodge No. 278, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; St. John's Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hampton Commandery, Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Norfolk. He serves on the Official Board of the First Congregational Church of Newport News. In politics he is an independent. For a hobby, Mr. Williams likes to take and show motion pictures.

He married Willie Virginia Tyree of Newport News in that city on November 4, 1927. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Willie and Carrie Virginia (Hicks) Tyree.

ROY G. BROWN—An appropriate and convincing advertisement for the business of The Brown and Grist Company, Inc., is its attractive all-aluminum plant at 25 Tyler Avenue, in Warwick. This company, of which Roy G. Brown is president, manufactures aluminum windows and panels widely used in the construction industry. Besides heading Brown and Grist, Mr. Brown is president of the Technical Service Corporation of Newport News and is a leading figure in the Peninsula Association of Commerce and other groups.

He was born in Portageville, Missouri, on June 20, 1914, the son of Howard E. and Martha (Gerber) Brown. His father, an electrical engineer, was a native of Kincardine, Ontario, Canada, his mother of Mount Olive, Illinois. Howard E. Brown set up and operated electric power stations in various Midwestern cities.

Roy G. Brown began his education in the public schools of his native Portageville. He continued in those of Mount Olive, Illinois, and in 1932 was graduated from the Mount Olive High School. In 1939, he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, University of Missouri, at Rolla. After taking the degree, Mr. Brown came to the Lower Tidewater and from 1939 to 1946 was a supervisor with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

In 1946 he and Arthur W. Grist founded their present firm as a partnership. They incorporated the business in 1953, with Mr. Brown as president; R. F. Flaxington as secretary-treasurer; L. E. Woldridge, R. A. Cassidy and B. J. Utley, Sr., as vice presidents. About one hundred-fifty persons are employed in various phases of office, sales, distribution and production operations. Under Mr. Brown's supervision, the company erected its all-aluminum plant in 1954. As president of the Technical Service Corporation of Newport News, Mr. Brown has further opportunity to serve the Lower Tidewater region. He is a member of the board of directors of the Peninsula Association of Commerce and also is active in the James River Country Club and the Methodist Church. For diversion he likes fishing and golf.

On June 9, 1940, in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Brown married Marjorie M. Felchlin of that city, the daughter of Jess and Irene Felchlin. They

have two daughters: 1. Janice Irene, born on August 31, 1942. 2. Pamela Martha, born on August 10, 1949.

GEORGE WILLIAM COLEMAN—As the head of a lumber, millwork and building supply business which has been active in the Lower Tidewater for a third of a century, George William Coleman is participating in the present-day expansion and prosperity of Newport News. His firm is the Peninsula Supply Company, with main plant and offices at Thirty-fourth Street and Virginia Avenue.

Born in Newport News on October 14, 1902, Mr. Coleman is the son of the founder of the Peninsula Supply Company, the late Henry Dick Coleman, and of Katherine (Moore) Coleman. The father was born in Gaithersburg, Maryland, the mother in Fairfax County, Virginia. Henry D. Coleman came to the Lower Tidewater with a fellow Marylander, Tom Peddicord, in 1882 and they engaged in the building and contracting business in Newport News, erecting many homes and other structures in the city and surrounding territory for the next ten years.

In 1892 Henry D. Coleman became manager of the old Acme Supply Company. Late in 1902 or early in 1903 he resigned that position to become purchasing agent for the Jamestown Exposition. He was working in that capacity until just before the Exposition opened. At that time his health failed and he was obliged to leave Newport News. With his family he went to Charlottesville, where he was engaged in the building supply business for several years. Later, he went into contracting again, this time for the Federal Government, as a builder of post offices in various states.

In 1923 Mr. Coleman returned to Newport News, where he established the Peninsula Supply Company. Four years later he bought the firm he had once worked for, Acme Supply Company, and merged it with Peninsula. He actively managed the business until his death in 1938. Throughout the many years he was in business, Henry Coleman was active in civic affairs. He was a member of the Methodist Church and particularly interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mrs. Coleman died in 1957.

George William Coleman was five years old when the family moved from his native city to the university community. He went through elementary school in Charlottesville but attended high school in Newport News. In 1918 he was graduated from the Randolph-Macon Academy. For about a decade he operated as a building contractor in Baltimore. Then he returned to Newport News to join his father in the management of the Peninsula Supply Company. When the elder Mr. Coleman died in

1938, the son succeeded to the presidency and he has since guided the business to its present important place in the commerce and industry of the Lower Tidewater. He is also chairman of the board of the Duncan and Dale Appliance Corporation.

In World War I, Mr. Coleman worked in the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company's yards and afterward was associated with E. F. Piland, contractor, in the construction of several buildings in Newport News and on the Peninsula. He is a member of the Newport News Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Kiwanis Club of Newport News, the James River Country Club and Chestnut Avenue Methodist Church. He is a Democrat. His chief diversions are hunting and fishing.

In February 1930, in Newport News, Mr. Coleman married Eleanor Eames, also a native of that city. She is the daughter of William Wendell and Anne (Christian) Eames. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman have two children: 1. George William, Jr., born in 1932, who is associated with his father in the business. 2. Anne Christian, born in August 1936, a student at Mary Baldwin College.

WILLIAM GAINES WOMACK—Active in the public transportation field at Norfolk for a number of years, William Gaines Womack has advanced to executive posts with the Virginia Transit Company, as vice president and manager of its Norfolk Division, and vice president and general manager of its Portsmouth Division. He is eminently qualified for the responsible positions he holds, and is a recognized business and civic leader of the Norfolk-Portsmouth area. He combines the traits of thorough technical training, a talent for the efficient conduct of business, and the happy faculty of getting along well with people.

He was born May 11, 1910, in Keysville, Virginia, son of William T. and Maude (McGehee) Womack. His boyhood was passed in the community of his birth, where he received his public elementary and high school education. He went on to the Randolph-Macon College, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932. While at college, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

He began his career in the transit field working in the bus garage of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, but later transferred to its electrical department, in which he served as a meter reader and later as meter tester. In 1944 he was promoted to the position of secretary to the general manager of the Virginia Electric and Power Company's transit operations, and this position he still held when the Virginia Transit Company took over the other corporation's transit properties in Richmond and Norfolk.



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In April 1945, Mr. Womack was named assistant to the vice president and general manager of the Virginia Transit Company, and in April 1951, he was promoted to assistant manager of its Richmond Division. He left this post to assume the duties of vice president and manager of the Norfolk Division, and vice president and general manager of the Portsmouth Division, in February 1952. In the course of the steady advancement which has identified his career, he has won wide respect for his co-operative and progressive attitudes, and his sense of civic responsibility. His contributions to community improvement have been varied. He has worked diligently in various solicitation jobs for both the Richmond Community Fund (while he was in that city) and the American Red Cross. Formerly active in the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, he is now a valued member of the Norfolk Chamber, and serves on several of its committees. He is also a member of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, and of the Rotary Club, the Virginia Club, and Princess Anne Country Club. He has frequently appeared as a speaker on transportation and traffic problems, and recently filled a request to appear before the Virginia Citizens Planning Association Conference at Lynchburg.

On December 14, 1935, at Richmond, William Gaines Womack married Miss Nellie Hudson of Richmond. The couple are the parents of one daughter, Susan Gaines Womack. They reside at 10 Surry Lane, Virginia Beach, and Mr. Womack's business address is 509 East 18th Street, Norfolk.

J. CLIFTON COUNCILL—As president and manager of J. C. Council, Inc., Real Estate, Rental and Insurance Agents, of Norfolk, J. Clifton Council has built up a successful business, and his reputation is widely known in the Tidewater region. His agency has its offices in the Monticello Arcade, 208 East Plume Street.

A native of Nansemond County, he was born on August 16, 1888, son of Catullus and Rosa Matilda (Holland) Council. Among his forebears were early settlers in colonial Virginia. One of these, Hodges Frank Council, came to the colony in 1640, and the real estate and insurance executive represents the ninth generation of the family in this country. John Yates Council, his grandfather, gave his life defending the Southern cause with the Confederate States Army, which he joined from Nansemond County. Catullus Council was born in that county, and farmed there until 1907, when he settled in Portsmouth. There he entered the insurance business in which he continued for a number of years. He died in that city in 1933, at the age of seventy-three. His wife, the former Rosa

Matilda Holland, was born on July 11, 1866, in Nansemond County. She has now reached the age of ninety and continues to reside in Portsmouth. Her father was Dixon Holland, a farmer in Nansemond County, and a veteran of service in the Confederate States Army.

One of eleven children born to his parents, J. Clifton Council passed his boyhood on the home farm in Nansemond County, and attended the one-room school nearby. From 1905 to 1909 he was employed by Ellenor and Armentrout, ship's chandlers, of Portsmouth, working days and attending Snaps Business College evenings to advance his education. From 1909 to 1917 he was engaged in business in Portsmouth as J. C. Council, Fancy Groceries, and he closed out this business to enter military service at the time of World War I. Entering the United States Army, he was assigned to the 29th Division, and later transferred to the Supply Depot at Camp Lee, Virginia. Following his honorable discharge, he located in Norfolk, and in April 1919, entered the real estate and insurance business in his own name.

This organization was the predecessor of the present firm of J. C. Council and Company, Inc., which was incorporated in 1950 with Mr. Council as president and manager and his son, J. Clifton Council, Jr., as secretary and treasurer, and also as head of the firm's insurance department.

Through his outstanding position in the realty, rental and insurance field, Mr. Council has made a conspicuous contribution to the development of his city over the past forty years. His firm has bought and remodeled thousands of homes, and has sponsored the platting of a number of subdivisions, including the Hardy Tract on Virginia Beach Boulevard in 1938; the Chesapeake Beach development; the Tucker Tract on Engleside Road; Suburban Acres at Ward's Corner in 1943; the Maple Hill subdivision on Virginia Beach Boulevard; and other such developments. Recognized as a foremost realtor, Mr. Council has exercised a wholesome and constructive influence in promoting the growth of pleasant home areas. For many years his firm has maintained its offices on the second floor of the Monticello Arcade Building in the center of Norfolk's downtown business area.

A member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Real Estate Board, Mr. Council served as its president in 1943-1944. His firm is a member of the Norfolk Real Estate Board, the Virginia Real Estate Association, the National Association of Real Estate Boards and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

Aside from professional connections, the realtor is a member of the Cosmopolitan Club of Norfolk, of which he served as president in 1954, and of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and Cava-

lier Beach Club. His favorite outdoor pastime is deep-sea fishing.

Twice married, J. Clifton Councilll chose as his first wife, Miss Lucile Hoggard of Norfolk. They were married on April 16, 1912, and she died in 1916. They were the parents of one daughter, Ruth Hoggard Councilll. She is married to Carl Miller of Norfolk, and they are the parents of two children: Randolph and Joan Miller. On September 27, 1919, Mr. Councilll married, second, Ethleen Hoggard, a sister of his first wife. They are the parents of a son, John Clifton Councilll, Jr., born January 11, 1921. He is now associated with his father as secretary and treasurer of J. C. Councilll and Company, Inc., in which he is also in charge of the insurance department. He served in the United States Navy in World War II, being in the Pacific. Now active in the civic affairs of Norfolk, he is a charter member and past president of the Exchange Club, and was recipient of its annual plaque for outstanding service in 1956. John Clifton Councilll, Jr., married Louise Daughtrey of Norfolk and they have two children: John Clifton, III, and Loretta.

WESLEY RANDOLPH COFER, JR.—Engaged in the general practice of law at Phoebus, Wesley Randolph Cofer, Jr., completed his professional training after his return from service in Air Transport Command in World War II. He has taken a leading role in American Legion activities, and is currently department commander of the Department of Virginia.

A native of Newport News, he was born on October 10, 1920, son of Wesley Randolph, Sr., and Glenna Wyatt (Williams) Cofer. His father, who was born in Smithfield on March 6, 1895, owned and operated Cofer Motor Sales in Newport News from 1919 to 1951, when he retired. This is a DeSoto and Plymouth agency, and its present management still operate it under the same name. Mrs. Cofer, the former Glenna W. Williams, is a native of Gloucester.

The younger Wesley R. Cofer received his early education in the public schools of Newport News, and graduated from high school there. His advanced education in engineering was interrupted by wartime service. Volunteering for service in the United States Army Air Corps as a private on February 7, 1942, he was assigned to the 26th Special Air Transport Group, in which he won his rating of first lieutenant as a navigator. He received his training at Pan American World Airways Aviation School at the University of Miami, and served until November 18, 1945, when he received his honorable discharge. He then resumed his studies in preparation for a civilian career,

entering the College of William and Mary. There he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1947, having majored in government. He received his degree of Bachelor of Civil Law there in 1949, and also holds the Master of Arts degree, which he received after completing a course in taxation at the same university. Prior to entering practice Mr. Cofer taught a course in constitutional law at the College of William and Mary's Law School.

In 1950 he began his general practice at Phoebus, and is now senior member of the firm of Kearney, Cofer and Jordan, with offices at 1 Mellen Street. Mr. Cofer is a member of the Hampton Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar and Virginia State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He serves as attorney for the Old Point National Bank of Phoebus.

Municipal service receives its share of his attention. A member of the Hampton Planning Commission, he is currently serving as its vice chairman, and he is also a member of the Hampton Zoning Commission. He is a member of the Hampton Rotary Club, The Chesapeake Club, Hampton Yacht Club, and the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a past president of the William and Mary Law Alumni Association, and is currently the president of the Phoebus Civic Association. Mr. Cofer has served on the board of directors of the Hampton Bar Association, the Community Chest, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cofer, as chairman of the Hampton Jamestown Festival Committee, a committee appointed by the Council of the City of Hampton, furthered Hampton's participation in the event.

After his return from World War II he became active in the American Legion, and held offices at the local, district, and department levels. In addition he has served as vice chairman of the Membership Committee and as chairman of a special committee to study convention reorganization. He played a useful part in a recent membership drive throughout the state and he served as director of the department fund campaign for the election of Dan Daniel for National Commander, which campaign concluded on September 7, 1956, with the election of Mr. Daniel as National Commander. Mr. Cofer is also serving on the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

Mr. Cofer is a communicant of the Baptist Church.

At St. Joseph, Missouri, on February 7, 1943, Wesley R. Cofer, Jr., married Mary Jane Wright of that city, daughter of Dr. Gordon D. and Ida J. (Nelson) Wright. Her father, a physician, is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cofer have two children: 1. Wesley Randolph, 3rd, who was born on



Hesley R. Coffin Jr

November 18, 1943. 2. Glenna Jo, born October 1, 1948.

WILLIAM PIERCE BALLARD—The seafood industry has played an important part in the history of the Lower Tidewater; and with the development of this industry the name of Ballard has long been prominently identified. As president of Ballard Fish and Oyster Company, Inc., at Norfolk, William Pierce Ballard has brought to his office extensive practical experience and a spirit of service, and he continues to make a significant individual contribution to the business.

The region's seafood industry has been in existence since early colonial days, for its pioneer settlers depended largely on seafood for their sustenance. However, the Ballard Fish and Oyster Company is one of the oldest in continuous existence at the present time, and it had its beginnings in 1896, when J. T. White established a plant at the west end of Southampton Avenue in Norfolk. In 1909, I. T. Ballard, who had come from the vicinity of Champ, Maryland, bought an interest in the business, which within a few years amounted to a half ownership. In 1924 the company was incorporated as the Ballard Fish and Oyster Company, and following the death of Mr. White, five of Mr. Ballard's brothers, who had had long experience in the seafood industry at Willis Wharf, Virginia, as Ballard Brothers, acquired the deceased founder's interest, making it a family-owned enterprise. Indeed, the first president of the business as at present organized was one of the brothers, Warren, who served until his death in 1933. He was succeeded in the presidency by Isaac T. Ballard, who held the office until he too died in 1949. At that time, William P. Ballard, who had been serving as vice president, was elected to the presidency, taking office in April 1950. He continues as directing head of the enterprise today. As oyster packers, the Ballard Fish and Oyster Company plants, produces, shucks, packs and ships oysters in very large quantities, as wholesale distributors, to all parts of the United States and Canada, with major outlets east of the Mississippi River. In October 1954, the company moved into a new plant, modern and completely mechanized, with the latest equipment for the processing of seafoods under the most rigid standards of sanitation. The firm also engages in fish packing, and as wholesalers distributes to outlets all along the Atlantic seaboard. It has between four and five hundred employees on its payroll at the time of the seasonal peak of operations. Its reputation is that of a firm which keeps abreast of the times, and in many instances, pioneers in new developments.

Besides William P. Ballard, the president, its officers are Charles M. Ballard, vice president, Carroll C. Ballard, treasurer, James S. Barnhardt, secretary, and James A. Ballard, assistant secretary.

William P. Ballard was born October 21, 1909, in Baltimore, Maryland, son of William Walter and Mary Elizabeth (Curley) Ballard. His father was long active in the seafood industry at Willis Wharf. His wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Curley, died at Willis Wharf in 1940.

It was in that community that William P. Ballard passed his boyhood, and he graduated from high school there in 1929. He then entered Washington and Lee University in Lexington, taking his degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration in 1931. In that year he began his connection with Ballard Fish and Oyster Company, Inc., at Norfolk, and familiarized himself with all aspects of operations. He served as vice president for some time before his election to the presidency. Apart from this major business connection, he is a member of the board of directors of the Southern Bank of Norfolk.

A loyal and progressive citizen, he has taken a vital interest in civic matters. Since October 1952, he has served on the Norfolk school board, and he is also a member of the board of directors of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, a member of the board of Leigh Memorial Hospital, and a member of the Tidewater Council of Boy Scouts of America. He is a recognized leader in his industry, and, in the year 1956, was serving as president of the Oyster Institute of North America. He is a member of the board of administration of the Virginia Fisheries Laboratory.

As regards local organization, he is a Kiwanian, and served as president of the Norfolk Club in 1953. He is also a past president of the Toastmasters Club of that city, the Downtown Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he belongs to the higher bodies, including the Royal Arch chapter, Grice Commandery No. 16 of the Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His favorite outdoor pastimes are hunting and fishing. An earnest advocate of the conservation of natural resources, he serves on the Legislative Advisory Committee on Seafoods. He is a communicant of Ghent Methodist Church, is vice chairman of its board of stewards, and formerly served as president of the Ghentmen's Bible Class.

On September 7, 1940, at Norfolk, William P. Ballard married Helen Caulfield of that city, daughter of the late Robert and Christine (Amory) Caulfield. Mrs. Ballard is a graduate of Westhampton College (University of Virginia) and taught in the

public schools of Norfolk prior to her marriage. She is active in civic and church circles, taking a particular interest in the program of the Parent-Teacher Association. She was the president of the Norfolk Chapter of the American Association of University Women, and is a teacher at the Ghent Methodist Church's Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard are the parents of three children: 1. Ann Caulfield, born March 8, 1943. 2. Elizabeth Alan, born September 1, 1946. 3. William Pierce, Jr., born February 23, 1949. The family resides at 4002 Columbus Avenue, Norfolk.

JOHN EARLE WHITE, JR.—As president of White and Dashiell, Inc., of Norfolk, John Earle White, Jr., heads one of Tidewater Virginia's oldest and largest retail fuel dealers. It is situated at East Berkley Avenue and Appomattox Street, in the Berkley section of Norfolk, its seat of operations for many years. This business was organized by Harry W. Dashiell, who was joined in partnership by Harry T. White in 1901. Later this partnership was dissolved, and for a time was continued as the Dashiell Fuel Company. In 1915, John Earle White, Sr., who had been a partner in the retail fuel firm of C. B. White and Brother, joined H. W. Dashiell in forming the present corporation of White and Dashiell, Inc. Of this firm, Mr. White was the president, and H. W. Dashiell secretary and treasurer. With the outbreak of World War I, Mr. Dashiell entered the army, selling his interest in the firm to Mr. White, who continued as the directing head of the corporation until his death on April 7, 1941. He was succeeded in the presidency by his son, John Earle, Jr., who still holds that office. The firm has grown steadily into one of the major distributorships of the region. It retails coal, Mobilheat fuel oil, kerosene, and Fertiline liquid fertilizer throughout a territory comprising Tidewater Virginia and eastern North Carolina. Conducting its business on a friendly and highly ethical basis, in the tradition of its founders, it can pride itself on excellent customer relationships. Its officers, in addition to Mr. White, are John Earle White, III, vice president; R. G. Dashiell, manager; Walker A. Nesbitt, assistant manager; and Bessie D. White, secretary and treasurer.

Identified with the management of White and Dashiell, Inc., since 1924, John Earle White, Jr., was born in Norfolk on July 18, 1901, son of John Earle, Sr., and Rebecca Frances (Dashiell) White. His father was born in Maryland, and came to Norfolk as a young man. As mentioned, he was formerly associated with his brother, C. B. White, in the Norfolk fuel firm of C. B. White and Brother. For a time he was engaged in the grocery business

as a partner in the firm of White and Horton of Norfolk. The two also operated a livery stable in Norfolk for a time. From 1915, when the present firm of White and Dashiell was incorporated, he became its president and served until his death in 1941. Rebecca Frances Dashiell, whom he married, was the daughter of George V. and Ella (Graves) Dashiell of Norfolk. She died on December 5, 1954. To this union six children were born: 1. John Earle, Jr. 2. Grace Armistead, who married J. Paul Smith, executive vice president and cashier of the Merchants and Planters Bank of Norfolk, and in charge of its South Norfolk branch. 3. Frances Dashiell, who married William C. Everett, a businessman of Virginia Beach. 4. Claude B., M.D., who took his degree from Medical College of Virginia. As a career officer in the United States Air Force Medical Corps, he now holds the rank of colonel. He married Margaret Ferratt of Norfolk, and they live at Greenville, South Carolina, where he is now stationed. 5. George Corbin, who holds the degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the Medical College of Virginia. He is now owner of Preston's Pharmacy, South Norfolk. He married Rita Price Jones of Richmond. 6. Fred Dashiell, M.D., who took his medical courses at the University of Virginia. He is now a specialist in treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat at Bluefield, West Virginia. He married Eloise Colonna of Norfolk.

John Earle White, Jr., attended Maury High School and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He began his career as a teacher of mathematics in Norfolk city schools and in 1924 entered the firm of White and Dashiell, Inc., becoming general manager, later vice president, and, since his father's death a decade and half ago, president. Prominent in retail coal associations, he is vice president of the Coal Merchants Service Bureau; a member and past director of the Virginia State Coal Merchants Association; and a member of the National Coal Dealers Association.

A Kiwanian, Mr. White served as president of the Southside Club in 1931. He is a member and past master (1927) of Doric Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and a member of Ionic Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He is a member of the lodges of the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Charles H. Consolvo Tent, Circus Saints and Sinners, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Downtown Club, the Engineers



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Club of Hampton Roads, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Norfolk Sports Club.

Mr. White has one other major business connection besides White and Dashiell, Inc. Since 1936 he has served on the board of directors of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, and is an associate member of the Society of Residential Appraisers. A communicant of St. Bride's Episcopal Church, he formerly served on its vestry.

For recreation, he enjoys swimming, fishing and bridge. He has consistently cooperated with projects for civic betterment. From 1922 through 1932, he was in the United States Army Engineers Reserve Corps.

At Washington, D.C., on October 16, 1926, John Earle White, Jr., married Bessie Virginia Dodson of Portsmouth, Virginia, daughter of John A. and Nellie Mae Dodson of that city. She is active in St. Bride's Episcopal Church and a member of the King's Daughters. Mr. and Mrs. White are the parents of one son, John Earle, III. Born March 28, 1928, in Norfolk, he graduated from Maury High School in 1946. He attended Hampden-Sydney College, where he majored in business administration, and is now vice president of White and Dashiell, Inc. He is a member of Doric Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Ionic Chapter No. 46, Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; the Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the South Norfolk Junior Chamber of Commerce, and is fond of fishing and golf. On June 18, 1949, in Washington, D.C., John Earle White, III, married Margaret Lee Greene of Norfolk, daughter of Winfield Scott and Grace (Church) Greene. Mrs. White is a graduate of Granby High School, attended the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, and graduated from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. The couple have two children: i. Laura Lee, born June 22, 1951. ii. Deborah Ann, born October 7, 1952. This family attends St. Bride's Episcopal Church, where John Earle White, III, is a member of the vestry.

PAUL R. BICKFORD—In addition to his long-time connection with the well-known Hampton building supplies firm which bears the Bickford name, Paul R. Bickford has taken a role of leadership in home construction in his area of the Lower Tidewater. He has distinguished himself in civic posts, and is a veteran of service with the Army Engineers in World War II.

Born at Baltimore, Maryland, on March 31, 1919, Mr. Bickford is a son of a former mayor of Hampton, the late James V. Bickford. It

was also he who founded J. V. Bickford, Inc., He was born at Hampton on December 31, 1876, son of Selwyn E. and Carrie (Van Allen) Bickford. He attended local private schools and the College of William and Mary, and graduated in 1896 from Virginia Military Institute. The same year James V. Bickford entered the sand and gravel business in Hampton, and left to serve in the Spanish-American War, in the course of which he was adjutant on Colonel Vaughan's staff. On his return from military service, he married Miss Katherine West Tabb, who died in 1904. In 1906 he married her first cousin, Miss Helen West Rutherford. In the World War I period, Mr. Bickford was active in the construction of Langley Field, and he served on the Selective Service Board of Appeals for the Hampton Roads area in World War II. Active in the Virginia League of Municipalities, he served as its president and in other offices; and he was a charter member of the Rotary Club, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a member and past director of the Peninsula Association of Commerce. James V. Bickford was a member of the city council at Hampton before his election as mayor in 1919; and he continued to fill the city's chief executive office most capably and with distinction until 1945. About 1918, he founded the Bickford Sand and Gravel Company, and the name of this firm was later changed to J. V. Bickford, Inc. He remained at its head until his death on April 14, 1947.

His son, Paul R., who has succeeded him as head of that organization, was reared in Hampton and received his public school education there. He attended the Symes Eaton School, was a student at the Hampton High School for three years, then went to St. Paul's School in Baltimore, Maryland, to complete his preparatory studies. From there he entered Virginia Military Institute, where he graduated in 1939 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, being only twenty years old at the time.

He immediately began his connection with his father's organization, and was well qualified to assume management at the time of the elder man's death in 1947. He has since been the president of the corporation, and is also president of Hampton Homes, Inc., a firm which constructs prefabricated houses in the Hampton area, and president of Tidewater Homes, Inc., which also contracts for the building of residences. In addition, he is an official in other construction firms.

Mr. Bickford was absent at the time of World War II, serving in the Corps of Engineers, United States Army. He entered with a second lieutenant's commission and advanced to the rank of major. He has been a member of the Penin-

sula Airport Commission ever since it was founded. Active in the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, he serves on its board of directors, and he is currently the president of the Hampton Fire Company. As a prominent figure in the Lower Tidewater's construction industry, Mr. Bickford is president of the Home Builders Association of the Peninsula, and a director of the Virginia Building Materials Dealers Association.

He is a Rotarian, and a member of Post No. 31 of the American Legion at Hampton and of St. John's Episcopal Church. In his political affiliation, he is a Democrat.

At Newport News on January 3, 1942, Paul R. Bickford married Betty Lee Downing of Hampton, daughter of Dorsey L. and Gladys (Kernegay) Downing. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Betty Lee, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on June 9, 1943. 2. Carolyn Rutherford, born August 10, 1947. 3. Paul Rutherford, Jr., born September 28, 1950.

GEORGE GARLINGTON PHILLIPS was born in Dallas, Texas, on November 13, 1903, the son of Alexander Roy and Anna (Garlington) Phillips. His father, who died on November 6, 1945, was president of the Great American Group of Insurance Companies, with headquarters in New York City.

George G. Phillips began his education in the public schools of Dallas, but at an early age when the family moved into the New York City area, he transferred to an elementary school in Montclair, New Jersey. He was graduated from the Montclair High School. He then returned to the South to matriculate at Virginia Military Institute, where he received his degree in Electrical Engineering in 1925.

In 1925 Mr. Phillips followed his father into the insurance business. His first post was with the Niagara Insurance Company in New York City. From 1926 to 1928 he was with the Home Insurance Company, also in New York. In 1928 he transferred to the branch office at Raleigh, North Carolina, of the Great American Insurance Company of New York and remained there until he was made the company's State Agent for Virginia, with headquarters in Richmond, in 1929. In 1945 he resigned that office to become a partner in Dobie, Bell & Henderson, Inc. Some few years later the firm's name was changed to Henderson & Phillips, Inc. In January 1955, Mr. Phillips was elected president, the position which he now holds. This firm has specialized in insurance since 1896, writing all forms and thereby contributing to economic and community progress. Henderson & Phillips, Inc. has headquarters in

Suite 1220, National Bank of Commerce Building, Norfolk.

Mr. Phillips is also active in banking, being a director of the Bank of Cradock at Portsmouth, in fraternal life, in college alumni work, in the civic and cultural growth of Norfolk, and is a member of numerous social and recreational clubs. Mr. Phillips has served as the president of the Norfolk Symphony and Choral Association. At the present time he is national president of the Virginia Military Institute Sportsman's Club and a member of the executive committee of the Alumni Association.

From 1925 to 1930 Mr. Phillips served in the United States Army Reserve, having been commissioned at the time of his graduation from Virginia Military Institute. He also served with the Essex Troop of the New Jersey National Guard from 1926 to 1929. He is a member of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons Corinthian Lodge No. 266; Auld Consistory of the Scottish Rite; Khedive Temple Shrine and Royal Order of Jesters. His clubs are: Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Downtown Club, Virginia Club, Norfolk; Princess Anne Country Club, Cavalier Beach and Cabana Club, Virginia Beach; Rotunda Club, Richmond; and the Farmington Country Club, Charlottesville, Virginia. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach.

George Garlington Phillips is married to Thelma M. Richardson, daughter of Charles Lewis and Bertha Elizabeth (Landrum) Richardson, and is the father of one son, George Garlington Phillips, Jr., who was born on December 14, 1937, in Richmond, Virginia. The Phillips home is "Garlington" at London Bridge, Virginia.

HYMAN BERNARD SWARTZ—Since his admittance to practice as a certified public accountant, nearly a decade ago, Hyman Bernard Swartz has centered his professional activities in the Lower Tidewater area, and is now engaged in private practice with offices in the Western Union Building at Norfolk.

He is a prominent representative of the younger generation of professional men in Norfolk, where he was born on July 4, 1913, son of Abraham Isaac and Fannie (Postove) Swartz. Both parents were natives of Russia who came to the United States in early youth, and from that time made their home in Norfolk. Abraham Isaac Swartz, who died in 1954, conducted a retail grocery business at 800 East Princess Anne Road. Mrs. Swartz died in Norfolk in 1936, at the age of forty-four.

Beginning his education at Henry Clay Elementary School, Hyman Bernard Swartz later attended Ruffner Junior High School, and graduated from



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Maury High School in June 1931. He continued his education at the College of William and Mary, where he graduated in 1935 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

He began his business career with the Southern Packing Company in the capacity of office manager, and remained with that firm from June 1935, until January 1938. For a decade thereafter, until March 1948, he served as internal revenue agent for the United States Department of the Treasury. In November 1947, Mr. Swartz passed his examination as Certified Public Accountant, before the Virginia State Board of Accountancy, and the following March, became associated in practice with Joseph Morris of Suffolk. They continued their association until March 1950, and at that time Mr. Swartz left to form his own accounting firm. He practices under the firm name of H. B. Swartz, Certified Public Accountant and Tax Adviser. His organization has built up a large clientele among the region's manufacturers and merchants. Mr. Swartz is licensed to practice before the United States Tax Court and the United States Department of the Treasury. He is a member of the American Institute of Accountants, the Virginia Society of Public Accountants, the National Association of Cost Accountants and the International Accountants Society.

Active in civic affairs, he is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Lodge No. 38 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His fraternity is Beta Alpha Psi. His religious affiliation is with Temple Israel Congregation of Norfolk, which he served as president from 1953 to 1956. He is a member of the local chapter of B'nai Brith.

On March 9, 1938, at Norfolk, Hyman Bernard Swartz married Miss Beulah Virginia Tonelson of that city. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Franklin Alex, who was born on December 11, 1938. 2. Bette Lou, born February 19, 1945. The family residence is at 208 Burleigh Avenue, Norfolk.

WALTER WORTH MARTIN—Since a decade ago, when he centered his law practice in Newport News, Walter Worth Martin has been a partner in the firm of Hall, Martin and Smith, and predecessor firms. He has been active in the Elks and other local organizations.

Born at Cresskill, New Jersey, on July 18, 1907, he is a son of Frederick W. E. and Mary Louise (Zentz) Martin. Both of his parents were natives of Baltimore, Maryland. His father became vice president of Aspegren and Company in New York City, and died in September 1928. Mrs. Martin is still living. While his father was identified with the cotton-seed oil firm in New

York City, the family lived at Sodus, New York, and there W. Worth Martin received his public school education and graduated from high school in 1925. He then entered Colgate University, which is in New York State, and was a student there for three years. He completed his professional studies at the University of Maryland Law School in Baltimore, where he graduated in 1932 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Admitted to the bar of the State of Maryland in 1933, Mr. Martin first joined the staff of the Home Owners Loan Corporation and worked with this government agency for one year. He left to accept a position in the claim department of the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd., and worked in that firm's various branch offices until 1946.

In that year Mr. Martin came to Newport News and began his private practice of law. He had been admitted to the bar of the State of Virginia in 1940. He became a member of the firm of Hall and Martin, which recently became Hall, Martin and Smith and has its offices in the Law Building. The firm conducts a general practice in all courts, with especial emphasis on insurance and admiralty law. Among its clients are Public Service Mutual, American-Association Insurance Companies, Employers Mutuals of Wausau, Wisconsin, Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, State Farm Mutual Companies, Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, London and Lancashire Indemnity Company, Bruce Dodson and Company and T. H. Mastin and Company. Mr. Martin's partners are Lewis H. Hall, Jr., and Douglas H. Smith.

He is a member and president of the Newport News Bar Association, a member of the Virginia State and the American bar associations, and the Virginia State Bar. In his politics he is a Democrat. His fraternity is Sigma Nu, and he is also a member of Peninsula Lodge No. 72, Knights of Pythias, and Newport News Lodge No. 315, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is past exalted ruler of this lodge, is now a member of the board of trustees, is state chairman of the Elks National Foundation Committee, and is District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Virginia Southeast. He is past chancellor commander of his lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Fond of golf, Mr. Martin is a member of the James River Country Club, and he also finds a refreshing outdoor pastime in boating. He is of Protestant faith. Mr. Martin serves on the Fort Eustis Army Advisory Council, and is a member of the Newport News Planning Commission.

At Baltimore, on July 4, 1936, W. Worth Martin married Frances Louise Keech of Hughesville, Maryland, daughter of William W. and Anne

(Dyer) Keech. The couple are the parents of one son, Terrence Keech, who was born on April 21, 1939, at Lynchburg, Virginia.

HUBARD STANLEY CULPEPPER—Associated with the management of Acme Photo Company, Inc., of Norfolk, since 1942, Hubbard Stanley Culpepper is now president and manager of this firm, which has its offices and plant at 248 W. Tozewell Street.

He was born in Norfolk on March 27, 1906, son of the late Claude E. and Bertie Irene (Roper) Culpepper, both deceased, who spent their entire lives in that city. There Hubbard S. Culpepper passed his boyhood, and attended private schools, Monroe Elementary School, and Maury High School.

In 1922 he began his career as a draftsman with the Makenson Marble Works of Norfolk, and was later associated with the Morrie Company of that city, working in its various departments, and gaining experience in blueprint manufacture, drafting and commercial art. He remained with the organization until 1928. He left to enter business for himself as a designer and builder of homes, and continued in this occupation until 1930, when he entered the employ of the City of Norfolk as a draftsman. There he continued until 1952.

Meantime, in 1942, Mr. Culpepper had accepted a position as manager of the Acme Photo Company, Inc., of Norfolk. Following the death of its founder and owner, Henry W. Gillen, in 1952, he assumed duties as president of the firm, to which he has since devoted his full time. Mr. Gillen founded the Acme Photo Company in 1918. A man of wide experience in business, he did much through his work to advertise and publicize the Norfolk area. Before establishing his own organization, he had been a motion-picture machine operator in the early days of the "flickers," working for Pathe, Paramount and other theatrical interests.

With thorough experience in the business, and a firm grasp of business management procedures, Mr. Culpepper is carrying on the work of this long-established Norfolk firm with gratifying success. The company has the most modern equipment, and well-trained personnel with a responsible attitude toward their work. Acme Photo Company, Inc., engages in a wide variety of work, including the production of blueprints, photostating, offset printing, aerial photography, and conducting advertising campaigns under contract with some of the region's foremost industrial and commercial firms.

Mr. Culpepper is a member of the International Association of Blueprint Manufacturers and Allied Industries, and in his own city, belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Club of

Norfolk. He and his family attend the Church of the Advent at Oceanview.

On June 5, 1926, Hubbard S. Culpepper married Gladys Lucille McTague of Norfolk. They are the parents of two children: 1. Carol Lynn, who was born on June 5, 1938. Graduating from Maury High School in the Class of 1956, she is now attending Mary Washington College at Fredericksburg. 2. Claudia Lea, born on March 27, 1945; a student at Bayview Elementary School. The family's home is at 1611 East Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk.

ALEXANDER PINKHAM GRICE—A prominent figure in the real estate business in Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia, Alexander P. Grice, is senior partner of the well-known firm of A. P. Grice and Son, with offices at 20 Selden Arcade, Norfolk. His activities have embraced a wide range of interests, and through them he has made a vital contribution to his home area.

Mr. Grice was born at Portsmouth on July 5, 1886, son of Alexander Pinkham and Susan Thoroughgood (Brooks) Grice. In both paternal and maternal lines, the Norfolk realtor is descended from early settlers in Portsmouth or Norfolk County. His father was an accountant and businessman at Portsmouth until his death in 1890. Mrs. Grice survived her husband by a half-century, and died in 1940 at the age of ninety-two.

After completing his formal education at Portsmouth Academy and Norfolk Academy, Alexander P. Grice began his career as a runner with the Citizens National Bank of Norfolk, where he continued for two years. From 1906 to 1915 he was employed by the Virginia Bank and Trust Company of that city, which was nationalized in 1907 as the Virginia National Bank, working in various departments, and advancing from bookkeeper to paying teller.

In 1915 he became president and general manager of the Guaranty Title and Trust Corporation of Norfolk, remaining in that office until 1929. He formerly served as president of the Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank, and was a director of the Citizens Bank of Norfolk.

Since 1930 Mr. Grice has devoted his business career to the real estate field. His firm, known for many years as A. P. Grice and Company, became A. P. Grice and Son in January 1953, when he was joined by his son, Alexander Pinkham, III. The firm is particularly prominent in commercial and industrial property transactions, and acts as appraisers and real estate consultants. Its founder's long experience with real estate values in Norfolk and the greater Norfolk area has brought him wide recognition as an authority on commercial and industrial property appraisal. His firm is a member



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of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the Norfolk-Portsmouth Real Estate Board, and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

A conspicuous influence in the civic affairs of Norfolk, Mr. Grice has been honored upon many occasions for his contributions to the progress of his city. He served as a member of the Norfolk City Council from 1920 to 1925. A member of the Rotary Club of that city, he formerly served as its president. He helped to organize the Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce and served as its first president. Throughout his career he has given freely of his time and talents in supporting many worthwhile projects, and his efforts have extended over the period coincident with Tidewater Virginia's most rapid development, in which he has had a prominent part.

Mr. Grice is a member of the Virginia Club. For recreation, he is fond of gardening and fishing. A former communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, he formerly served on its vestry, and is now a member of Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Norfolk.

In Richmond, on April 26, 1913, Alexander Pinkham Grice married Louie Brown Crenshaw, daughter of the late Merritt W. and Louie (Brown) Crenshaw of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Grice became the parents of three children: 1. Louie Brown, a daughter, who was born on August 27, 1915, and died May 22, 1923. 2. Mary Hart, born June 7, 1920; graduated from Maury High School in the Class of 1938. 3. Alexander Pinkham, III, born January 17, 1925. He graduated from Woodbury High School in 1943, after which he attended the College of William and Mary for two years, majoring in engineering. From 1945 to 1953, he was a civilian employee at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, working in the Aviation Division as radar and electronics specialist. In January 1953, he joined his father in the real estate firm of A. P. Grice and Son, which adopted its present name at that time. As a progressive young business leader of Norfolk, he is a member of the American Society of Real Estate Appraisers, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club, Owens Lodge No. 164, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, United Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar. That commandery was named in honor of his great-grandfather, Charles Alexander Grice. He is also a member of the Virginia Club, the Princess Anne Country Club, and Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and is currently serving as senior warden of Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where he became a member of the vestry at the age of twenty-two.

On September 14, 1947, Alexander Pinkham

Grice, III, married Barbara Ann Speace of Beverly, New Jersey. They are the parents of three children: i. Alexander Pinkham, IV, born November 2, 1949. ii. Joseph Gardner, born November 2, 1953. iii. Dudley Colkett, born December 8, 1955.

JOHN ROGER NEAL—Over the past decade, John Roger Neal has headed his own real estate firm in Suffolk. He has taken a constructive role in the commercial and organizational life of his city, and is currently serving on the Suffolk-Nansemond Real Estate Board and Suffolk Industrial Committee.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Neal was born in the town of Lakewood on January 15, 1904, son of Henry Joseph and Grace (Schuchman) Neal. His father, a native of Lincoln, Pennsylvania, who died in 1922, was superintendent of schools in New Jersey. Mrs. Neal survived her husband and died in 1951. She was a native of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Receiving his public school education in New Jersey, John R. Neal completed his secondary studies at Collingswood and graduated from high school there in 1922. For one year he was a student at Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania. At the outset of his career, he joined the S. S. Kresge organization, and held responsible positions in its stores for about five years. He entered the insurance business as a salesman, working in several Virginia cities.

With this background of experience, he came to Suffolk in 1946, and has since engaged in the real estate business there under his own name. His office is in the Andrews Building.

Mr. Neal is a member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards and the Virginia Real Estate Association. He serves on the Suffolk-Nansemond Real Estate Board. Through his work with the Suffolk Industrial Committee, he took a constructive part in stimulating the commercial and economic life of the community, and holds membership in the Suffolk and Nansemond Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Neal also serves on the board of directors of the Salvation Army.

He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, and the lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. A member of the higher bodies of the Masonic order, he belongs to Mount Nebo Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the Portsmouth Commandery of the Knights Templar, Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Norfolk, and the Suffolk Shrine Club. He is fond of the outdoor sports of fishing and hunting and is a member of the Izaak Walton League. He and his family attend the West End Baptist Church.

On October 28, 1929, at Norfolk, John Roger Neal married Louise Epps of Surry Court House, Virginia, daughter of Robert and Irene (Hunnicutt) Epps. Her parents are both living; her father is now retired from his occupation of farming. Mr. and Mrs. Neal are the parents of two children: 1. Donald Allen, born September 8, 1930. 2. Robert Joseph, born February 12, 1933.

THOMAS BUTT JOHNSON, JR.—Prominent in the general insurance field at Norfolk for over ten years, Thomas Butt Johnson is owner and directing head of the W. W. Johnson Company. With offices in the Royster Building, this firm has built up a large volume of business in the sale of fire, liability and other types of general insurance and of surety bonds. It represents the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company of Hartford, Connecticut, Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance and Inspection Company (the largest in its field), South Carolina Fire Insurance Company of Columbia, the Jersey Fire Insurance Company of New York, the American Liberty Fire Insurance Company of Birmingham, Alabama, and the Union Assurance Society, Ltd., of London, England.

A native of Norfolk County, Mr. Johnson was born at Gilmerton on September 6, 1907, son of the late Thomas Butt, Sr., and Emma Maehew (Higgins) Johnson. His father, who died on March 13, 1935, was a general merchant and farmer, who also served for twenty-five years as postmaster of Gilmerton. His wife died September 21, 1908. The younger Thomas B. Johnson attended the public schools of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and graduated from high school there in 1924. He attended the College of William and Mary, majoring in education, history and English, and began his career as a teacher and athletic coach. He taught and coached at Wytheville, Virginia, High School, after which he served as principal of the Oriskany Junior High School in Botetourt County, Virginia. In 1930 he returned to the College of William and Mary to continue his education. Specializing in the same subjects as before, he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1931, and also received the Collegiate Professional Teacher's Certificate.

Resuming his career as educator, Mr. Johnson accepted appointment as principal of the Burrowsville Junior High School, where he remained until 1936. He left to join the faculty of Windsor High School as teacher and coach, and held that position until he entered the service of the United States Army in December 1942. He trained at Camp Lee, Virginia, but on October 5, 1943, received a medical discharge.

On resuming civilian life, Mr. Johnson entered

the employ of the Virginia State Division of Motor Vehicles at Richmond, but remained in this public service post only until 1944. It was at this time that he came to Norfolk and joined his brother, W. W. Johnson, in acquiring the insurance agency which had been owned by W. L. Pierce, Jr. On July 13, 1944, the agency became known as the W. W. Johnson Company. In September 1946, Thomas B. Johnson acquired his brother's interest in the firm, but has continued to operate it under its original name.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Johnson is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. He attends the Baptist Church, where he is superintendent of the Sunday school. He holds membership in two fraternities, Kappa Alpha and Kappa Phi Kappa.

On December 21, 1946, Thomas Butt Johnson, Jr., married Hilda Faith Shelton, daughter of Grover C. and Nancy (Crawley) Shelton of Chatham. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have a son, Cleveland Thomas, born November 3, 1955. The family resides at 6243 Sedgefield Drive, Norfolk.

DAVID RAYMOND LEVIN—Lawyer and civic leader David Raymond Levin is engaged in a general practice, with offices in the New Kirn Building in Portsmouth. A past president of the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association, Mr. Levin possesses a background of experience and ability which has won him a prominent place at the Portsmouth and Tidewater Virginia bar. His career has been distinguished by a fine public spirit and progressive attitudes, combined with humanitarian interests—traits evidenced in his effective cooperation with community projects and organizations.

A native of Portsmouth, Mr. Levin was born on June 4, 1910, son of Louis Levin, a retired businessman of Portsmouth and his wife, the former Mary Stein, who died in 1936. The lawyer obtained his early education in the public schools of Portsmouth, graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1927. He continued his studies at the University of Virginia and took his professional courses at the University of Richmond, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1932. Prior to his graduation, on December 15, 1931, he had passed his examination for admittance to the Virginia State Bar.

Mr. Levin began his general practice of law in Portsmouth in 1932 and continues to carry on an extensive individual practice with offices in the New Kirn Building. A member of the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association, he served as secretary of the organization in 1954 and was its president for 1955-1956. He is also a member of



C. M. Ramsey

the Virginia State Bar Association and, while a student at the University of Virginia, joined Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity.

Central among his civic activities is his membership in the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the board of directors of the Portsmouth Travelers Aid Society. In 1954 he served as chairman of the fund raising campaign of the Norfolk County Cerebral Palsy organization. He is a member of Portsmouth Naval Lodge No. 100, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. His religious affiliation is with Gomley Chesed Synagogue of Portsmouth, and he is a member of its Men's Club.

On January 30, 1938, at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, David Raymond Levin married Rachel Sher of that city. They are the parents of two children: 1. Linda Mary, born July 5, 1939. 2. Richard Nathan, born May 6, 1943. The family resides at 208 East Road, Glenshellah, Portsmouth.

SEAB EDGAR DuVALL, JR.—One of the younger leaders in his profession in the city of Norfolk, Seab Edgar DuVall is a member of the accounting firm of Frederick B. Hill and Company which has its offices in the Flatiron Building.

He was born on July 15, 1924, at Van Buren, Arkansas, son of the late Seab Edgar and Nora Lee (Leathers) DuVall. She is now a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The elder S. E. DuVall, who was identified for many years with the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company, died in 1933.

After beginning his education in the public schools of Van Buren, S. E. DuVall, Jr., graduated from high school at Fort Smith, Arkansas, in 1942. In that year he enlisted in the United States Naval Air Corps, and was later commissioned an ensign following his cadet training as a pilot. His tour of duty, 1944-1945, included operations with the U. S. S. "Bunker Hill," U. S. S. "Essex," and U. S. S. "Wasp," in the South Pacific. He was separated from the service at Norfolk in 1946. His present status is lieutenant commander, United States Naval Air Corps Reserve, Operations Officer, VF-Jet-861 Squadron, U. S. Naval Air Corps Reserve Training Unit, Naval Air Station, Norfolk.

Following his separation from active service in 1946, Mr. DuVall began his preparations for his career in accounting. He took business administration courses through St. Helena Extension Division of the College of William and Mary in Norfolk, and then entered the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science, in Business Administration, in February 1950.

In that year he became associated with the accounting firm of Frederick B. Hill and Company

of Norfolk, and since August 1953, has been a partner in this well-established firm. He became a Certified Public Accountant on passing his examination given by the Virginia State Board of Accountancy in May 1952.

Mr. DuVall is a member of the American Institute of Accountants and the Virginia Society of Public Accountants. He is a communicant of the Talbot Park Baptist Church.

On September 9, 1947, in Norfolk, Seab Edgar DuVall, Jr., married Doris Elizabeth Raper, daughter of Paul Spence and Mary (Leyburn) Raper. The couple are the parents of a son, Randolph Courtland DuVall, who was born June 18, 1953.

CHARLES MELVILLE RAMSEY—Farming has been Charles M. Ramsey's major occupation, although he also has banking and other commercial interests, centered in his home city of Ivor. He has acquired considerable real estate holdings there and at Smithfield, the most important single unit being the Ramsey Block.

Born at McClelland Post Office in Isle of Wight County, on February 15, 1907, he is a son of John Albert and Edna Roxie (White) Ramsey. Both of his parents were also natives of Isle of Wight County. His father, who was born there in January 1870, owned extensive acreage known as the McClelland Farm, and he also operated a general store under his own name. He died in January 1926. His wife, the former Edna R. White, survived him until April 13, 1953.

Charles M. Ramsey attended the public schools of Isle of Wight County and graduated from Smithfield High School in 1925. He then began farming on the Ramsey property and, following his father's death in 1926, was in charge of operations there until 1939, capably managing the more than four hundred acres, on which he also made his home. In 1939 he purchased five farms which had previously been owned by his paternal grandfather, J. F. Ramsey, and later by his uncle, Dr. E. B. Ramsey. They comprised a total of eleven hundred and twenty acres, which he continued to manage profitably in addition to his own original holdings. He later acquired still another property known as the Cook farm. The major crops raised on his farmlands are peanuts and corn, and he also devotes some attention to livestock production, particularly hogs.

Since January 1946, Mr. Ramsey has lived at Ivor, where he had built an attractive brick home for his mother. After her death in 1953 he moved into this home. In the course of the past decade he has exerted a constructive influence in the affairs of Ivor. In 1946-1947 he erected the row of modern commercial buildings

known as the Ramsey Block, situated on Route 460 in the center of town. Among the tenants there are eleven stores, a number of offices, and a service station. Mr. Ramsey's own office is located in the block. He also owns and operates rental property—stores, homes, and apartments—at Smithfield. He serves on the boards of directors of the Bank of Sussex, Ivor Branch, and the Tidewater Mutual Insurance Company. Mr. Ramsey also served on the Tidewater Industrial Development Commission, representing the Ivor-Berlin District of Southampton County.

He is interested in all civic activities at Ivor and throughout Isle of Wight County, and is a member of the Federal Farm Bureau, the Farmers Union, and the Ruritan Club. He is a Baptist in his religious faith, currently a communicant of Ivor Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon. Previously, for a period of eleven years, he served as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school at the Mills Swamp Baptist Church in Isle of Wight County, from which he transferred membership when he moved to Ivor. Mr. Ramsey's favorite sport is baseball.

At Richmond, on September 7, 1929, Charles Melville Ramsey married Nellie Breu Hearn of Smithfield, daughter of John T. and Plummie Novella (Whitley) Hearn. Her father operated a retail furniture store in Smithfield for a number of years and is now deceased. His wife survives him. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey have two children: 1. Nancy, who married Joseph M. Boush. They have a daughter, Katherine. 2. Marjorie Lee, a student in Ivor schools.

GROVER LEE WHITE, JR.—As president and manager of Grover L. White, Inc., with headquarters at 730 Boush Street in Norfolk, Grover Lee White, Jr., heads an organization which has been "serving Tidewater since 1915." It is Norfolk's oldest firm contracting for the installation of ceramic wall and floor tile, and also specializes in lighting fixtures, medicine cabinets, fireplace furnishings, linoleum, and tile products of cork, vinyl, rubber and asphalt. Besides serving homeowners and commercial interests, the firm has completed many major projects for the government, including the United States Marine Hospital, the Anti-Submarine Warfare Building, and the six-hundred-man barracks at Little Creek. Other important contracts completed through the years, have included the Leigh Memorial Hospital, the Cavalier Hotel, the Muscle Shoals Power Plant in Alabama, and the new Virginia Electric Power Company building, besides many schools and churches in the Tidewater area. The firm was founded in 1915 by Grover Lee White, Sr., and

its first location was in the Withers Building at 207 Granby Street. There it remained until Mr. White, Sr., acquired the Vicks Tile Corporation at 121 College Place. He made this plant its headquarters until 1940. At that time the firm moved to its present location at 730 Boush Street. There its retail store, display rooms, warehouse and offices are maintained. Grover Lee White, Sr., continued active in the management of the firm until ill health forced his retirement in 1950. He died on January 10, 1952, and was succeeded by his son, Grover Lee White, Jr., who capably directs the operations of the firm today. Other officers are Mrs. Grover L. White, Sr., vice president, and Mrs. Grover L. White, Jr., secretary.

The founder of the firm was born December 22, 1885, at Winfall, North Carolina, son of Joseph and Sarah (White) White, both natives of North Carolina, who lived for many years in Portsmouth, Virginia. There Joseph White died on December 7, 1939, and his wife had died on December 5, 1910. Josiah H. White, grandfather of Joseph, was a planter in Perquimans County, North Carolina, and served in the Confederate States Army. He married Elizabeth Saunders of Nansemond County, Virginia.

The elder Grover L. White was educated in the public schools of Portsmouth, and early in his career was employed by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, and later by the Norfolk Building Supplies Company. He left the latter firm to establish, in 1915, the firm which is now known as Grover L. White, Inc., and which was incorporated in 1932. He was active in the civic and fraternal affairs of Norfolk, being a member of Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Scottish Rite bodies including the consistory, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Virginia Club, the Lions Club and the Methodist Church. In Norfolk, on October 20, 1908, he married Myra Virginia Jordan, daughter of Charles Wesley and Emma Alice (Milan) Jordan, both natives of Norfolk County. Mrs. White was active in the cultural and civic affairs of Norfolk, being a member of the Women's Club and the Larchmont Garden Club, and participating in the program of the Young Women's Christian Association. She continues active membership in the Ghent Methodist Church, and has proved herself a capable business woman as vice president of Grover L. White, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover L. White, Sr., had only one son, Grover Lee, Jr., who was born in Norfolk on November 16, 1909. He received his early education in that city and graduated from Maury



Charles B. Pond, Jr.

High School in 1927. From the University of Virginia, he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at his graduation in 1931. With the exception of time spent in naval service in World War II, he has since been active in the management of the contracting firm, in which he has succeeded his father as president.

Mr. White was commissioned a lieutenant, junior grade, in 1942, and was assigned to the United States Naval Air Force. He was first stationed at the Naval Base in Norfolk. Following special work in radar at Princeton University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was assigned to duty in the Panama Canal Zone in anti-submarine work. He won promotion to lieutenant commander, and was separated from active service following the close of the war. With the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, he was recalled to active duty and assigned to radar and electronics work at Port Lyautey, French Morocco. He again resumed civilian life in December 1951, and now holds the rank of commander in the Inactive Reserve.

He is a Rotarian, and a member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the consistory of the Scottish Rite, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Lafayette Yacht Club. He attends the Methodist Church.

On April 6, 1940, Grover Lee White, Jr., married Ellen Walston Griffin, daughter of the late D. J. and Stella (Duke) Griffin of Norfolk. Her father was superintendent of Smith and Welton, Inc., for many years. Mrs. Grover L. White, Jr., is a member of the Epworth Methodist Church, a member of The Woman's Club, and active in Parent-Teacher Association and social service work. The couple have two children: 1. Donald Lee. 2. Grover Lee, III.

CHARLES BAILEY POND—In the early years of the century, Charles Bailey Pond came to Suffolk, and after gaining ample experience in the peanut industry there and elsewhere, joined his brothers, Wayland T. Pond, Sr., and L. L. Pond, in the purchase of the Pope Peanut Company. From this they formed their own successful organization, still known as the Pond Brothers Peanut Company. C. B. Pond is president of this organization, and of the Producers Peanut Company, which he founded with Wayland T. Pond in 1924. He has held other corporate connections, and has distinguished himself in the service of his city as councilman.

The son of Thomas Richard Pond, a Southampton farmer, and his wife, the former Anna Finch

Bailey, who was born in Sussex County, Charles B. Pond was reared on the Southampton County farm where he was born on August 8, 1882. He received his early education under the tutelage of his mother, who was a school teacher in the county's public schools for twenty-one years, and he completed his formal studies at Massey Business College in Richmond.

In the fall of 1902, at the age of twenty, he came to Suffolk, where he first joined the Pope Peanut Company, and worked for that firm as a bookkeeper for six years. He moved to Woodland, North Carolina, late in 1909, and there occupied himself with the purchase of farmers' stocks of peanuts for a number of the large peanut-shelling plants in Virginia. He returned to Suffolk in the fall of 1914, and was placed in charge of the operation of the shelling plant of the Suffolk Peanut Company, a position in which he continued for eleven months.

In October 1915, he and his brothers entered business for themselves, as described above. A record of the career of the elder Wayland T. Pond, and of the second-generation members of the family interested in the business, accompany this sketch. Besides heading Pond Brothers Peanut Company and later the Producers Peanut Company, Charles B. Pond also became president of the Ferguson Manufacturing Company, which produces farm machinery. He still holds the position of president of all three companies, located in Suffolk.

He was for twelve years a member of the Suffolk City Council, and as a loyal and active Democrat, served for sixteen years on the city Democratic committee of Suffolk. He is a member of the local lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mount Nebo Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, Portsmouth Commandery of the Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Norfolk. He is also a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Suffolk. He was a charter member of the Lions Club there, where he still holds a membership.

In 1928, a group of devoted communicants of the Baptist Church met at Mr. Pond's home to decide on steps to fill the need for another church of their denomination in the city. The result of their efforts was the West End Baptist Church, which was organized on March 11, 1929, in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church. With a list of one hundred and thirty-eight charter members, the congregation erected its own church building in 1937, and Mr. Pond served as chairman of the building committee.

At Woodland, North Carolina, on June 15, 1909, Charles Bailey Pond, Sr., married Clara

Esther Outland of that city, daughter of Dr. John Lewter and Della (Copeland) Outland. Her father was a physician. Mr. and Mrs. Pond became the parents of four sons: 1. Richard L., whose sketch accompanies. 2. Charles Bailey, Jr., whose sketch accompanies. 3. Frederick Outland, general manager of Producers Peanut Company. 4. James R., secretary and treasurer of Producers Peanut Company.

WAYLAND THOMAS POND, SR.—A leader in Suffolk's industrial life, the late Wayland Thomas Pond, Sr., devoted his attention primarily to the peanut industry, on which the economic welfare of the city so heavily depends. He was a founder of Pond Brothers Peanut Company, Inc., and Producers Peanut Company of Suffolk, and of an affiliated firm in Georgia, and he was active in banking connections as well.

Born and reared in a farm family in Southampton County, he was a son of Thomas R. and Anna F. (Bailey) Pond. His birth date was September 5, 1875. He received his education in the public schools of this region, and early in his career, entered the lumber business at Freeman, Virginia, where he remained for seventeen years. In 1915 he came to Suffolk, where he and his two brothers, C. B. and L. L. Pond, purchased the Pope Peanut Company. From this the Pond Brothers Peanut Company Inc. was later organized. In 1924, he and C. B. Pond founded the Producers Peanut Company; and two years later all three brothers joined forces again to bring the Pond Brothers Peanut Company of Georgia into existence. This affiliate had its headquarters at Cordele, Georgia. Besides retaining executive positions in the management of these three companies, W. T. Pond, Sr., was also president of the Suffolk Insurance and Finance Corporation, and a director of the National Bank of Suffolk.

He was a leader in the civic and religious as well as the business life of his city. A charter member of the West End Baptist Church, he served on its board of deacons. He had been one of the founders of this church, and was most generous in its support. He did not belong to many other organizations, but placed his support squarely behind every movement for the betterment of his community.

On November 14, 1906, Wayland T. Pond married Nonie Lee Hammond, who was born in Brunswick County on June 14, 1883, and died April 7, 1930. The couple were the parents of a daughter, Ethel Lee, who married Alton L. Brinkley, and a son, W. T., Jr., who is the subject of an accompanying sketch. Mr. Pond's death occurred on October 11, 1943. Commenting on the loss of this

community leader, an editorial writer on the staff of the Suffolk "News-Herald" wrote:

The death of Wayland Thomas Pond, Sr., was a distinct loss, not only to Suffolk but to the entire Tidewater Region of Virginia and North Carolina and to the peanut industry as a whole. Unlike some who gain much of this world's goods he did not become a hoarder of his wealth, but was free in spending his earnings in the religious and charitable work of his community and state . . . When a citizen thus unselfishly puts himself and his means at the service of his community his influence lives on and on although his physical presence is immeasurably missed.

RICHARD L. POND—Identified with Pond Brothers Peanut Company of Suffolk for over twenty years, Richard L. Pond is now treasurer of the corporation, and a member of its board of directors. He is also an official of Producers Peanut Corporation and of Ferguson Manufacturing Company, and he is active in lodge and church affairs.

Born at Woodland, North Carolina, on July 10, 1911, he is a son of Charles Bailey, Sr., and Clara Esther (Outland) Pond. His father, one of the founders of Pond Brothers Peanut Company and its president, is the subject of an individual biographical sketch in this work. In Richard L. Pond's early childhood, the family moved to Suffolk, and he attended the schools of that city, graduating from its high school in 1930. For three years he was a student at Randolph-Macon College, and he then began his business career with Pond Brothers Peanut Company, Inc., with which he has since remained. He became treasurer in 1941. Mr. Pond holds the offices of vice president and director of Ferguson Manufacturing Company of Suffolk, and serves on the board of directors of Producers Peanut Corporation of that city.

Like other members of his family, he has been a consistent and devoted worker for West End Baptist Church. A charter member of the congregation, he has served on its board of trustees and as chairman of its finance committee. He is a member of Hiram Lodge No. 340, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Suffolk, Mount Nebo Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and Portsmouth Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is a member and past president of the Suffolk Shrine Club. His fraternity is Phi Kappa Sigma. Mr. Pond's avocation is flying, and he holds a private pilot's license.

In Suffolk, on June 15, 1935, Richard L. Pond married Margaret Elizabeth Parker of that city, daughter of Bauldie Edward and Julia (Brett) Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Pond have three children: 1. Richard L., Jr., who was born on December 25,



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1937. 2. Julia Margaret, born May 11, 1941. 3. Jeffrey Genin, born June 28, 1947.

WAYLAND THOMAS POND, JR.—During two generations, and two score years, the name of Pond has been consistently identified with Suffolk's important peanut industry. Wayland T. Pond, Jr., joined Pond Brothers Peanut Company at the outset of his career, and during most of his connection, has been its secretary and sales manager. He also holds office in other corporations.

Born at Freeman, Virginia, on February 17, 1912, he is a son of Wayland T., Sr., and Nonie Lee (Hammond) Pond. His father is the subject of an accompanying sketch. When he was about three years old, the family moved to Suffolk, where the father joined in the purchase of the Pope Peanut Company, from which the present Pond Brothers Peanut Company was formed. Reared in Suffolk, the younger Wayland T. Pond attended its public schools and graduated from Suffolk High School in 1930. He then entered Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, was a student there for one year, and at the end of that time, transferred to Georgia School of Technology, where he remained for two years.

In June 1933, he formed his connection with Pond Brothers Peanut Company, and became secretary of the corporation, and sales manager in 1935. He has held both positions to date, and is also a member of the board of directors. In addition, he is president and director of the Suffolk Gas Corporation, secretary and director of the Ferguson Manufacturing Company, and director of the Farm Chemical Company, Inc., of Lynchburg, Virginia. He was formerly president of the Suffolk Insurance and Finance Corporation.

A recognized leader in his industry, Mr. Pond served as chairman of the board of the National Peanut Council in 1951-1952, and is still a director. He is president and director of the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Association. He at one time served as secretary and director of the Producers Peanut Company of Suffolk. Mr. Pond is currently a member of the recreation board in his city. Formerly active in the Lions Club, he was its president in 1942-1943. He is a member of the Princess Anne Country Club at Virginia Beach, and his college fraternity is Kappa Phi Sigma. He is fond of golf and fishing, and floriculture is a hobby. Attending the West End Baptist Church, he has been one of its devoted and consistent lay workers. He is a charter member of the church, is serving on its board of deacons and has served as Sunday school superintendent. At various times he has been chairman of the finance committee, the temple committee, and the planning and build-

ing committee in charge of the construction of the church's educational building.

At the Presbyterian Church in Wilson, North Carolina, on October 5, 1940, Wayland Thomas Pond, Jr., married Mary Ernestine Herring of that city. She is the daughter of Dr. L. J. and the late Mary (Carter) Herring. The couple have four children: 1. Mary Lawrence, born May 30, 1942. 2. Katherine Carter, and 3. Wayland Thomas, twins, born September 4, 1943. 4. Eliza Lee, born July 14, 1947.

CHARLES BAILEY POND, JR., has been with Pond Brothers Peanut Company for two decades, and is now its vice president. He has other interests as well, holding offices in corporations, and engaging in farming and in real estate transactions.

He was born at Woodland, North Carolina, on May 12, 1914, son of Charles Bailey, Sr., and Clara Esther (Outland) Pond, his father being president of Pond Brothers Peanut Corporation which he and his brothers formed in 1915. The family moved to Suffolk when the younger Charles B. Pond was only a few months old. He was reared in the city and attended its public schools. Graduating from Suffolk High School, he entered the University of Richmond, where he was a student for three years.

In 1936 he began his connection with Pond Brothers Peanut Company, and became vice president in 1941. He is a member of its board of directors, and also serves on the boards of the Ferguson Manufacturing Company, and of Producers Peanut Company of which he is vice president. He conducts a real estate business, and has farming interests in Nansemond and Suffolk counties.

Mr. Pond was formerly a member of the Lions Club. He is a charter member of the West End Baptist Church. His favorite sport is fishing.

On March 13, 1937, in Suffolk, Charles Bailey Pond, Jr., married Sarah Gresham Parker, daughter of Bauldie Edward and Julia (Brett) Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Pond have three children: 1. Charles Bailey, 3rd, who was born on October 26, 1941. 2. Sara Caroline, born May 5, 1944. 3. Frances Anne, born August 20, 1948.

ARTHUR WILLIAM SEELEY, JR.—As Norfolk's largest grower of cut flowers and potted plants, Arthur William Seeley, Jr., is sole owner of the business which bears his name, situated in the 2600 block of Tidewater Drive. He is following in a family tradition established by his grandfather, the late John S. Seeley, and continued by his father, Arthur William, Sr., who retired in 1946. John Seeley was a native of New Jersey who

came to the Norfolk area as a young man in the late 1870s. He acquired farming land at Lambert's Point, which now borders on the great Lambert's Point Coal Piers, and where a commercial and residential section of Norfolk is now located. On this site he continued farming until 1890 when he acquired a tract of land known as the Gowrie Farm, bordering on Cottage Toll Road (now Tidewater Drive) and extending from Hancock Avenue to Tanner's Creek (now Lafayette River). It was on this site that John S. Seeley launched an experiment, insofar as the Norfolk area was concerned—hotbed cultivation under glass. He built two greenhouses, and raised vegetables, and vegetable-producing plants, which were later set out on his farmlands. His son, A. W. Seeley, Sr., became associated with him in these operations and succeeded to the business in 1918. He continued in hotbed farming for a time, and early in his career he was especially successful in raising beet plants, which he transplanted to his regular acreage. With changing conditions and markets, A. W. Seeley, Sr., gradually devoted more and more attention to the growing of cut flowers, and continued to expand this business until he had seventeen greenhouses, with approximately thirty-seven thousand square feet under glass before his retirement.

In January 1946, A. W. Seeley, Jr., who from his early boyhood had been associated with his father in the operation of the greenhouses, bought the site and the greenhouses from the elder man, and since 1947 has conducted the enterprise as A. W. Seeley, Jr. In the course of the intervening years he has expanded the business until it is now Norfolk's largest grower of cut flowers and potted plants.

Born in Norfolk on December 6, 1909, A. W. Seeley, Jr., is a son of A. W., Sr., and Florence C. (Schmitt) Seeley. He was educated in the public schools of Norfolk. Having been fascinated by plant life and flowers since early childhood and taking a practical interest in floriculture and botany at the age of twelve, he learned the business under the guidance of his father and at the age of sixteen became associated with him on a full-time basis. Since acquiring the business in 1946, he has increased the number of greenhouses to twenty-six, with approximately sixty-five thousand square feet under glass. He is considered by members of his profession to be the largest producer of cut flowers and potted plants in the entire state of Virginia. He excels in quality as well as in quantity of production, and puts on the market a wide variety of species. Wholesale outlets in Norfolk and the rest of the Tidewater area, and in eastern North Carolina, take about ninety per cent of his output,

and the balance is sold through the firm's retail outlet at 1809 Hancock Avenue. In the past decade, A. W. Seeley's delivery equipment has increased from one panel truck to five, and employs from seven to twenty-three. The greenhouses and offices are located on the original three-and-one-half-acre site at Hancock Avenue and Tidewater Drive, about a ten-minute drive from the central business section of Norfolk.

In 1955 A. W. Seeley, Jr., acquired a homesite on the old Adam Thorogood Farm. Another property consisting of seventy-three acres located in the Washington district of Norfolk County is utilized for soil supply, and for extensive growing of azaleas. A number of acres are also devoted to growing peonies, and a series of other floricultural operations are planned for this farm in the near future.

Mr. Seeley is a charter member of Allied Florists and has served on its board of directors. He is a member of the Society of American Florists and an associate member of the Florist Telegraph Delivery Association, Inc. He is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Lafayette Yacht Club.

As a member of the Tidewater Motor Boat and Racing Association, he served as commodore in 1954, and as an outstanding boat owner and driver he has won many honors in the sport of boat racing. He won the WNOR Grand Championship in 1953; the Jamestown-to-Richmond Marathon in the same year; the WNOR Trophy again in 1954; and the Division Championship for the Eastern United States in 1955. During the past six years he has won fifty trophies in all. He has also conferred an award: the A. W. Seeley, Jr., Perpetual Outboard High Point Trophy, which is awarded annually by the Tidewater Motor Boat and Racing Association.

On April 20, 1934, at Norfolk, Arthur William Seeley, Jr., married Bessie Anderson of Norfolk, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Brenda Kay, born on April 22, 1941. 2. Dorothy Ann, born on September 28, 1945.

HARRY SILAS SEELEY—Member of Norfolk's prominent family of florists, Harry Silas Seeley is owner and operator of A. W. Seeley and Son, Florists, Designers and Decorators, at 1910 Colley Avenue. In past years he has been associated both with his father, the elder A. W. Seeley, now retired, and with A. W. Seeley, Jr., whose sketch accompanies. Harry S. Seeley has concerned himself with the retail operations, and in this connection manages his own organization.

Much of the history of the family, which has been identified with floriculture in the Norfolk area

since the 1890s, is to be found in the record of A. W. Seeley, Jr. Their father was born in Norfolk on March 10, 1887, son of John S. and Eliza J. (Wood) Seeley. He joined his father in floriculture in his early years, and carried on in building up a larger establishment, taking over management when John Seeley retired in 1918. He continued hotbed farming, and was especially successful in raising beets and a variety of other vegetables, until the demand for plants and flowers made it worthwhile to engage exclusively in their production. To the first greenhouse which John Seeley had built, A. W. Seeley, Sr., added seventeen more, giving his establishment a total of thirty-seven thousand square feet under glass. This was located on the same site on which operations had been begun by his father, who died in 1923. Retired for the past decade, A. W. Seeley, Sr., now enjoys his leisure in a comfortable home at the corner of Tidewater Drive and Hancock Avenue, with his wife, the former Florence C. Schmitt, of Baltimore, Maryland. They were married on November 25, 1908. They became the parents of five children: 1. Arthur William, Jr. (q.v.). 2. Bessie, and 3. Jessie, twins. Bessie is married to LeRoy Hogshire of Norfolk, and their two children are Milton and Edna Hogshire. Jessie Seeley married Barney Lee Donison of Norfolk, and they too have two children: William and Lee Donison. 4. Harry Silas, of whom further. 5. Margaret, who married George P. Miller of Norfolk. They have two children: Caroline and Philip Miller.

Harry Silas Seeley was born in Norfolk on May 25, 1913. He received his education in the Lafayette Elementary School, Ruffner Junior High School and Maury High School. In his vacation periods from his early youth, he worked with his father and brother in greenhouse operations. As the sons entered the business on a full-time basis, the firm was named A. W. Seeley and Sons; and it continued to be operated with the father and two sons as partners until January 15, 1946, when A. W. Seeley, Sr., retired. At this time, A. W., Jr., who had worked closely with his father in greenhouse management, took over their direction under his own name; and Harry S. Seeley, whose experience had been more closely tied with retailing operations, acquired that part of the business, which he has continued to operate under the old name of A. W. Seeley and Son, Florist. He has devoted his attention to the retail sale of flowers since he was eighteen years old, and for a time managed the firm's retail outlet at the Norfolk Farm Market at Tazewell, Monticello and Brewer streets, and later at the City Market, where he continued operations until January 1954. In the meantime, in August 1953, the beautiful A. W. Seeley and Son florist

shop was opened at 1910 Colley Avenue, and this he and Mrs. Seeley, the former Ellen M. Goodwin, have expanded into one of the largest retail florist establishments in the city. Supplying greenhouse-fresh flowers for every need, and acting as designers and decorators as well, they are continuing in the fine tradition long associated with the family name.

A veteran of World War II, Harry Silas Seeley served with the United States Army amphibious forces in the South Pacific Theater of Operations from 1943 and with eighteen months' overseas service in his military record, was separated from the service with the rank of corporal. Throughout his period in uniform, Mrs. Seeley carried on the business in a very capable manner, and remains closely associated with her husband in the work at the present time. They were married at Norfolk on September 10, 1938. She is a daughter of the late James A. Goodwin, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who for many years prior to his death in 1931, owned and operated the Arcade Restaurant in Norfolk. Her mother, now the wife of Dr. Radford Royal, resides in Norfolk.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Seeley are active in the work of the Epworth Methodist Church, where he serves as a member of the board of stewards. She is a member of Soroptimist International of Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

Mr. Seeley is a charter member of Allied Florists, Inc., and he served as its president in 1953. He is a member of the Florist Telegraph Delivery Association. In his own city he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, is a charter member of the Exchange Club, and a member of Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Lafayette Yacht and Country Club. His hobbies are golf, deep-sea fishing, and boating.

JAMES ALLEN CARNEY—A general contractor in the building construction field, James Allen Carney formed his own organization at Norfolk nearly a decade ago, and since that time has erected a large number of the Tidewater area's important new buildings. His headquarters are at 522 West Twenty-fifth Street.

Born at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on April 2, 1907, he is a son of the late Judge A. B. Carney, who married Miss Nan Allen. Judge Carney was born at Churchland, Norfolk County, son of Wright Bruce Carney, a planter at that place, and a descendant of forebears settled in the county since colonial times. The original Carney land grant remained in the family until recent years. Reared on the ancestral farm, Judge Carney graduated from the University of Virginia and practiced law at Norfolk from 1900 to 1940. From 1940 to 1945 he served as judge of the

First Judicial District of Virginia. Throughout his life he was a member of the Churchland Baptist Church. He died in 1950 at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, the former Nan Allen, continues to reside at 940 Gates Avenue, Norfolk. She is a daughter of Charles C. Allen, who was a prominent grain merchant of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and whose wife was the former Ada Summer. Both are now deceased.

The only child of his parents, James A. Carney graduated from Lawrenceville School in New Jersey in 1926. While there he was captain of the track team. He went on to Yale University, where he graduated in 1930 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

From 1930 to 1932 he was employed in the engineering department of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company and for several years following was with the Virginia State Highway Department. From 1936 to 1947 he was associated with the R. R. Richardson and Company, general contracting firm of Norfolk, and during that period worked on a number of important projects in the Tidewater area, including the Norfolk Museum of Arts, the Science Building, the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, and the Leigh Memorial Hospital.

In 1947 Mr. Carney formed his own organization, the construction firm known as James A. Carney, General Contractor. In recent years it has played a large part in the physical upbuilding of the Tidewater area, and among its major projects have been the United States Post Office Building at South Norfolk, the Epworth Methodist Church, the Green-Gifford Chrysler-Plymouth automobile agency building, the Virginia Beverage Company building, the Baker Drug Corporation warehouse and office building, the Watters and Martin, Inc., wholesale hardware building, and other commercial and industrial projects.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Carney formerly served on the Norfolk school board and as a member of the board of directors of the Boys Club of Norfolk. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and the First Presbyterian Church. Fond of all outdoor sports, he has special preference for track events and also enjoys riding horses. At Yale University, he was a member of Theta Xi fraternity and Franklin Hall.

On July 7, 1937, at Norfolk, James A. Carney married Frances Ferguson of Norfolk, daughter of the late Finlay F. and Helen (Evans) Ferguson. Her father, a prominent Norfolk architect, died in 1936. Mrs. Carney, a graduate of Vassar College, is active in civic and cultural affairs. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, is a member and past president of the Norfolk Jun-

ior League, and takes a constructive part in humanitarian work. Mr. and Mrs. Carney are the parents of three children: 1. James Allen, Jr., born July 15, 1938. He is a member of the Class of 1956 at Lawrenceville School in New Jersey and has been awarded the English-Speaking Union Exchange Scholarship for one year's study in an English school, Stowe. Before entering Lawrenceville, he attended Walter Herron Taylor School and Norfolk Academy. At Lawrenceville he was captain of the track team, a member of the student council, and active in dramatics. 2. Jane Ferguson, born March 6, 1943. 3. Frances Ferguson, born March 14, 1946. The family resides at 1344 Mallory Court, Norfolk.

THOMAS NELMS DOWNING—Coming to Newport News to practice law in the late 1940s, Thomas Nelms Downing is a member of the firm of Downing and Andrews, with offices in Warwick and Hampton. He has served on the bench of Warwick's municipal court and on the board of public welfare and has held a number of other offices in posts of public trust or in welfare and civic connections.

A native of Newport News, Mr. Downing was born on February 1, 1919, and is a son of Samuel and Lucille (Nelms) Downing. His father, who held the degree of Doctor of Medicine, practiced in Newport News, where he died on August 4, 1937. He was a native of Lancaster County, while the subject's mother, the former Lucille Nelms, was born in Isle of Wight County.

Attending the public schools of Newport News, Thomas N. Downing graduated from high school in that city in 1936. He then enrolled at Virginia Military Institute, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in 1940. He did not complete his law courses until after his participation in World War II. Entering the army in February 1942, he was assigned to the Third Cavalry and served overseas from July 1944, to November 1945, holding the rank of major at that time.

After the war Mr. Downing completed his professional studies at the University of Virginia, which conferred on him the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1947. Meantime, in 1946, he had been admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia. For one year after completing his law courses, he practiced in Lancaster County, in association with R. O. Norris, Jr. In 1948 he came to the Peninsula, where he has since made his home and centered his practice. He was formerly a member of the firm of Newman, Allaun and Downing and now is the senior member of the firm of Downing and Andrews. This firm, en-



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gaged in the general practice of law, has its offices in the Warwick National Bank Building in Warwick and the Citizens National Bank Building in Hampton.

A member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association, Mr. Downing served as its president during the 1956-1957 term. He is also a member of the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He has served capably on the bench as a substitute judge of the municipal court at Warwick, in addition to serving on that municipality's board of public welfare. He is a member of a study committee for the overall consolidation of the Peninsula's industrial and commercial life. He also serves on Selective Service Board Number 122 in the Peninsula area.

Mr. Downing is interested in the program of the Girl Scouts of America and serves on its local board of directors at Newport News. He is also a member of the board of that city's chapter of the American Red Cross. As a lawyer, he is a member of Sigma Nu Phi fraternity and, as a veteran of World War II, a member of Braxton Perkins Post Number 225, American Legion. His other memberships include the Lions Club at Warwick and the James River Country Club. He is fond of golf and aquatic sports. He and his family attend St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Warwick, where he serves as a trustee and vestryman.

Mrs. Downing is the former Miss Virginia Dickerson Martin of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter of J. Dickerson and Florence (Raney) Martin. She became the wife of Thomas Nelms Downing in a ceremony in Philadelphia on February 18, 1947. The couple have two children: 1. Susan Nelms, who was born on May 1, 1948. 2. Samuel Dickerson Martin, born on June 6, 1952.

CALVIN H. DALBY—For the past decade Calvin H. Dalby has served as Norfolk's Director of Public Safety. He was previously a Coast Guard Reserve officer, after which he held a responsible post with a steamship company. He is active in a number of local groups.

A native of Norfolk, he was born on April 15, 1899, son of John Calvin and Georgie G. (Holmes) Dalby. His father, who was born in Northampton County, was a commission merchant at Norfolk throughout his active career, having arrived in the city at the age of sixteen. He remained active in business there until his death in 1948 at the age of eighty-four. Miss Holmes, whom he married, was a native of Norfolk. She was seventy-eight years of age when she died in 1942.

Reared and educated in his native city, Calvin

H. Dalby graduated from Maury High School in 1916, and entered the University of Virginia, where he was a student at the time of his enlistment in the United States Army in 1918. He served in World War I, and received his honorable discharge in 1919. He spent the years between the two world wars with the Merchants and Miners Steamship Company, and in 1942 took military leave and was commissioned lieutenant commander, serving in that rank throughout the conflict. He holds the permanent rank of captain in the United States Coast Guard Reserve Corps.

On first returning to civilian life, Mr. Dalby resumed his connection with the Merchants and Miners Steamship Company, but remained only a short time, holding the position of general agent when he left in December 1946, to assume the duties of his present position, that of Director of Public Safety for the City of Norfolk.

Mr. Dalby is a member of the National Defense Transportation Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Norfolk Police-Fire Square Club, Inc. He is also a member of the American Society for Public Administration, and the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. Besides these groups, whose field of interest is related to his work, he holds membership in the posts of the Forty and Eight and the American Legion, the Rotary Club, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and Atlantic Lodge No. 2, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Dalby's hobby is gardening. He is a Democrat in his politics, and attends the Baptist Church.

On October 7, 1925, Calvin H. Dalby married Alice Bass Vicar, daughter of Willis W. and Alice (Bass) Vicar. Her father, who was born in Norfolk County, was for many years vice president of the Norfolk Bank for Savings and Trusts. He died in 1919 and Mrs. Vicar in 1922. She was a native of Danville, Virginia. Mrs. Dalby died June 5, 1956, at the age of fifty-five. The couple were the parents of one child: Anne Vicar, born in Norfolk on July 30, 1930. Mr. Dalby makes his home at 1516 Trouville Avenue.

WILLIAM JOSEPH LEWIS—Most of William Joseph Lewis' career has been spent with the Norfolk Fire Department, of which he is now the chief. This capable public official is also active in business affairs, and takes a prominent role in organizational activities.

Born at Annapolis, Maryland, on May 28, 1896, he is a son of James A. and Jessie C. (Saboury) Lewis, both of whom were also natives of that city. His father was an officer in the United States Navy throughout his career. He served in the

Spanish-American War, and at the time of the difficulty with Mexico in 1916, and thereafter throughout World War I. He later retired, but was recalled to service at the time of World War II, serving as boatswain on shore duty at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He left the service permanently in 1946, and died the following year, at the age of seventy-two. Mrs. Lewis had died in 1928, in her fifty-third year.

From his early boyhood, William J. Lewis lived in Norfolk. He attended elementary school there, and later attended Punahon Preparatory School in Honolulu, Hawaii. Returning to Annapolis, he graduated from high school there, and began his career as an apprentice machinist in the Navy Yard School at Norfolk Navy Yard, where he remained for six years. He left to enter the employ of the Old Dominion Railway, and remained with that line and with Norfolk and Southern Railway for about five and one-half years.

On January 1, 1923, he joined the Norfolk Fire Department as a fireman with the rank of private in No. 1 Truck Company. He was promoted to captain on January 1, 1929, and to deputy chief on January 27, 1942. He became chief deputy on January 1, 1950, and assumed his present duties as chief of the Norfolk Fire Department on October 1, 1953. Mr. Lewis is half owner of the L. and M. Auto and Furniture Upholstery Company, and he serves on the board of directors of the City Employment Retirement System of Norfolk.

Mr. Lewis has taken a vital interest in welfare work in his home city. He serves on the board of the Norfolk Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the Norfolk Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He is chairman of the Safety Service for the Red Cross. A member of the local lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he also belongs to the higher bodies of the order, including the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the Grice Commandery of the Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Shrine Club and the Sports Club, and he attends the Congregational Christian Church. Mr. Lewis is a Democrat in his politics. He is fond of fishing and golf.

On June 20, 1916, William Joseph Lewis married Margaret Lena Morgan, daughter of the late Benjamin F. and Emma Jane (Ruggles) Morgan. Her mother still lives in Norfolk. Her father, who was a grocer in that city for many years and at one time president of the Retail Grocers Association, died in September 1953, at the age of eighty-two. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis became the parents of three children: 1. Margaret Morgan, who was born on April 9, 1918. She is now the wife of Ernest

Jordan, who is with the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company. 2. Josephine Esterbrook, born on August 11, 1920. She married L. C. Melchor, who is the head of the L. and M. Auto and Furniture Upholstery Company. 3. Barbara Jane, born on January 12, 1922. She married Walter Elton Trafton. There are six grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis make their home at 1315 Colonial Avenue, Norfolk.

WILLIAM GLOVER SAUNDERS, JR.—Two decades ago, William Glover Saunders, Jr., founded his lumber and building supplies firm at Chuckatuck, which he operated for twelve years. Since 1947 it has been a partnership in which Mr. Saunders holds the controlling interest. He is an effective and devoted worker for his community and his church.

The son of farming people of the Lower Tidewater region, Mr. Saunders was born at Everett, near Chuckatuck, on September 30, 1905. His father, William Glover Saunders, Sr., was a native of Nansemond County, and was a merchant as well as a farmer. He died in February 1946. He was the son of Thomas Jefferson Saunders, a native and life-long resident of Nansemond County, and one of the men who organized what is now Oakland Christian Church of Chuckatuck. Young Mr. Saunders' mother was the former Alice Chapman, a native of Isle of Wight County and a daughter of George D. Chapman, who served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, and was with the forces of General Robert E. Lee at the time of the surrender of Appomattox.

The young William G. Saunders attended the public schools of Chuckatuck. He began his career in the employ of a lumber company at Everett, remaining with that organization for one year. At the end of that time, he began contracting for the hauling of lumber in his own name, and he also engaged in transactions in two of the region's foremost agricultural crops, peanuts and cotton. In 1936, he established his present firm as W. G. Saunders, Jr., and in 1947 founded the Saunders Supply Company, of which he has since been the president. It deals in lumber at retail, and also stocks a complete line of supplies required by builders. Its yard and offices are at Chuckatuck.

Mr. Saunders has retained his interest in farming. Today he devotes his considerable acreage chiefly to raising peanuts, corn, beans and flowers on a commercial basis. He also has a dairy and a considerable herd of beef cows. His business connections, apart from his own firm, include membership on the Board of Directors of the Home Telephone Company of Smithfield, and the First Federal Building and Loan Association in Suffolk, of which he is vice president. He serves as a board



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member of the Suffolk-Nansemond County Chamber of Commerce. In local politics, Mr. Saunders is a Democrat, and he is a member and past president of the Ruritan Club of Chuckatuck and the Executives Club of Portsmouth. Floriculture and building are his avocational interests.

Mr. Saunders is particularly active in the work of the Methodist Church. He is a communicant of Wesley Chapel at Chuckatuck, a member of its official board, and one of its trustees. He is the district lay leader of the Portsmouth District, and is chairman of the Town and Country Commission of the Virginia Conference. He was a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church, and member and delegate to the World Council of Methodist Churches held at Minneapolis. At the present time he serves the Board of Lay Activities of the Virginia Conference as its treasurer. He also serves on the board of trustees and executive committee of Ferrum College, a Methodist-controlled institution.

For the past twenty years, Mr. Saunders has been active in Boy Scout work. He is a member of the executive committee of the Old Dominion Area Council and for a number of years served as its chairman. He is now serving his second year as president of his Council and is the National Council representative. He served as sectional commissary officer at the Boy Scout Jamborees at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and at the Irvine Ranch in California. He was the recipient of the Silver Beaver award in 1950. He is a charter member in the Order of the Arrow in his Council. For many years, Mr. Saunders served as his Community Representative on the Suffolk-Nansemond County American Red Cross Board. During World War II, he served his County as a member of the Rationing Board, and Committee for War Fund and War Bond drives.

In Bruton Parish Church at Williamsburg, on June 18, 1936, William Glover Saunders, Jr., married Edna Earl Brooks of Norfolk, formerly of Mathews, Virginia, daughter of Captain James Landon and Lillie (Davis) Brooks. Her father died in April 1943, but her mother still survives and lives in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders are the parents of four children: 1. Jaira Randolph, born July 24, 1939. 2. William Glover, 3rd, born June 29, 1942. 3. Edna Brooks, born December 31, 1944. 4. Alice Davis, born September 10, 1948.

EUGENE KELSEY WILSON, SR.—Operating throughout the Tidewater area, E. K. Wilson and Sons, Inc., of Norfolk, is now one of the largest firms in its field in Virginia, handling numerous major contracts of an industrial, commercial, and residential character in plumbing, heat-

ing, and air conditioning and serving as an authorized dealer of General Electric air-conditioning equipment. Founded in 1903 by Eugene Kelsey Wilson, Sr., it is now largely managed by his sons, Eugene Kelsey, Jr., Everette Knapp and Guy Rathbone, who, like their father, are prominent both in their field of business and in civic and social circles in the Lower Tidewater. The senior Mr. Wilson, who retains the presidency of the company he founded, gives his sons counsel in its management, while at the same time he looks after his extensive realty holdings. He has held high office in the organizations of his trade and is influential in those organizations and in other circles.

Eugene Kelsey Wilson, Sr., was born at Suffolk on March 10, 1884, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Kelsey) Wilson. His father, a native of New York State, settled in Suffolk in the early 1880s. There he became a successful farmer, merchant, and real estate operator. He died at Suffolk in 1890. Elizabeth Kelsey Wilson was also born in New York State. Following the death of Henry Wilson, she became the wife of Edward Byrd of Suffolk, now deceased. She died in 1935, at the age of eighty-two.

The youngest of the five children born to his parents, Eugene Kelsey Wilson, Sr., grew up in Suffolk. He received his education in that city's elementary and high schools. He was only nineteen when, in 1903, he moved to Norfolk and founded what has become E. K. Wilson and Sons, Inc. He had learned the plumber's trade, but he soon expanded his business into the related trades. However, it was not until 1947 that his firm began including air conditioning in the scope of its operations. The activities of Mr. Wilson and the growth of his firm have closely paralleled the growth of Norfolk and the entire Tidewater in the more than half century that has elapsed since he went into business on his own.

Mr. Wilson first established the firm on Church Street, near Holt, with five employees and a horse and wagon used to haul equipment. The firm moved often in its early years in its constant search for larger quarters as required by the demand for its services. The second location was 450 Granby Street. Other locations included 710 Boush Street and a site on Olney Road, where temporary quarters were occupied until in 1933 the present plant at 3314 DeBree Avenue was completed and occupied. Even this plant has undergone many changes and additions since those days. The growth of the Wilson firm must be attributed to the quality of its service and the economy of its prices, as well as to the personal characters first of its founder and then of the three sons who are

managing the business for him. Each phase of the firm's work is handled by experts, and more than seventy-five trained mechanics are constantly engaged. The firm has a long list of completed projects in plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and mechanical engineering. Besides the numerous corporations and individuals whom it has served through the years, it has handled a variety of government contracts.

E. K. Wilson, Sr., continued active in the management of the business until 1942, when he delegated responsibility to his three sons, all of whom grew up in the business. Since then Mr. Wilson has given most of his time to the management of his realty holdings. He is a charter member and past president of the Norfolk Chapter of the National Association of Master Plumbers. He also belongs to the Izaak Walton League of America and as a hunter and fisherman maintains a lodge on Back Bay. His religious affiliation is with the Park Place Methodist Church of Norfolk.

In 1907 Mr. Wilson married Nellie Elizabeth Price of Norfolk, who died in 1918. To this marriage were born two sons: 1. Eugene Kelsey Wilson, Jr. 2. Everette Knapp Wilson. In 1920 Mr. Wilson married Martha Valteau Rathbone of Parksburg, West Virginia, and to them were born two children: 3. Guy Rathbone. 4. Martha Valteau, now Mrs. William T. Linderman and living in Norfolk. Her husband is a graduate in mechanical engineering and is a member of the engineering staff of the Tidewater Construction Company of Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Linderman are the parents of Martha Valteau, Mary Ann, and Susie Ann.

The oldest of Mr. Wilson's sons, Eugene Kelsey Wilson, Jr., is secretary and manager of E. K. Wilson and Sons, Inc. He was born in Norfolk on April 1, 1911, and was graduated from Maury High School in 1929. He began his experience in his father's business in his school vacation periods, entering on a full-time basis after his graduation from high school. He served his apprenticeship under the guidance of his father and each year assumed more and more responsibility. In 1956 he served as president of the Norfolk Chapter of the National Association of Master Plumbers. He is also a member of the Lambert's Point Lodge No. 106, Knights of Pythias, and of the Masonic order. He worships in the Episcopal Church. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports.

E. K. Wilson, Jr., married, in 1935, Marie Evelyn Solomon of Norfolk. They have two sons: i. Eugene Kelsey, III. ii. Timothy Barry.

The second of the founder's sons, Everette Knapp Wilson, is treasurer of the company. Born in Norfolk on July 31, 1917, he was graduated from Maury High School in 1935 and then entered

the firm on a full-time basis, but he, too, had a good acquaintanceship with operations through apprenticeships served in vacation periods. He is active in the National Plumbing and Heating Contractors Association; the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce; Ocean View Lodge No. 335, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Lambert's Point Lodge No. 106, Knights of Pythias. A charter member of Norfolk Chapter of Sertoma International, he was the chapter's vice president in 1956. He worships in the Congregational Christian Temple of Norfolk. Through his favorite sports, boating, fishing, and hunting, he belongs to the Lafayette Yacht Club and the Cavalier Beach Club.

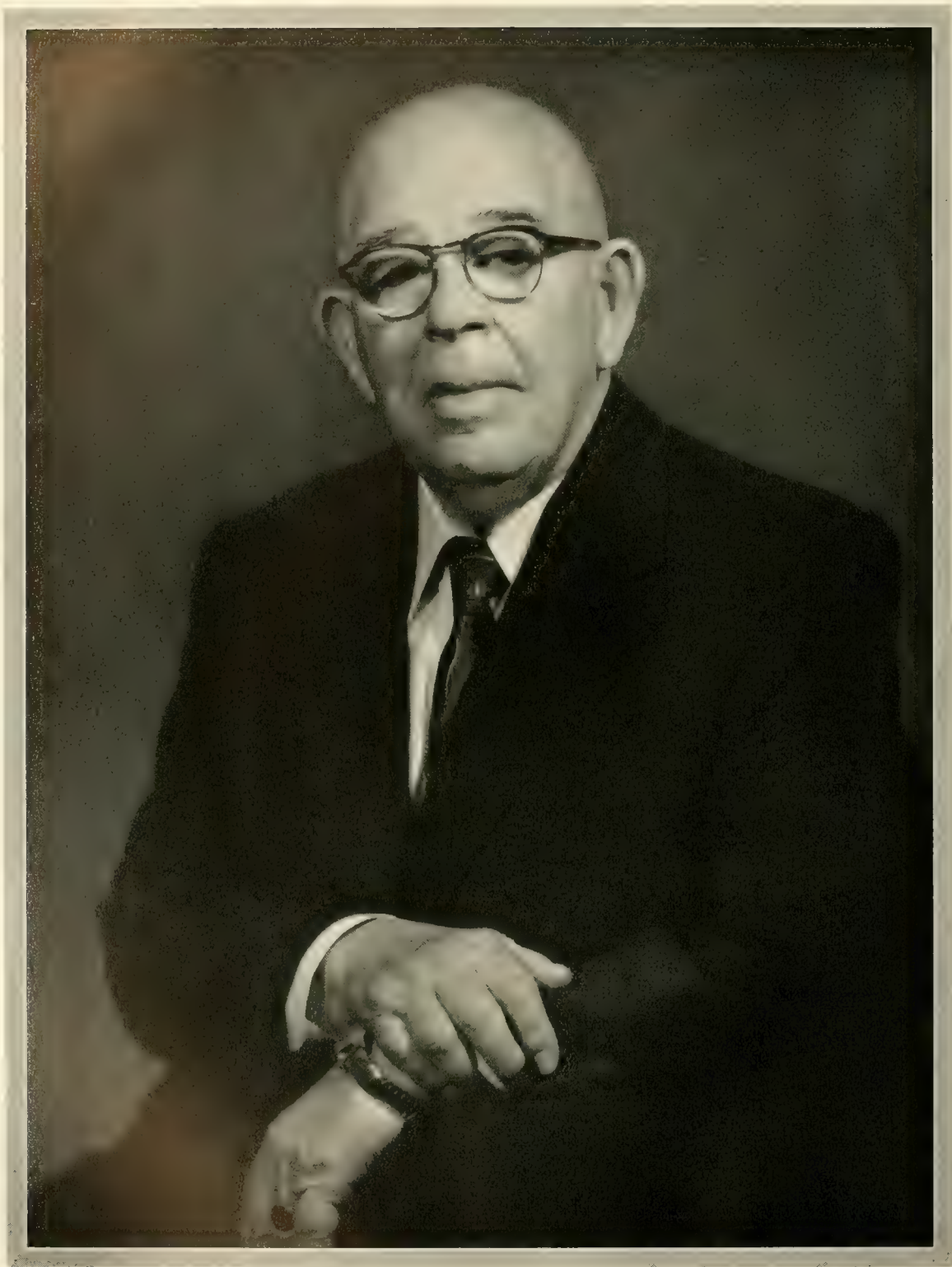
Everette Knapp Wilson married, in Norfolk on August 5, 1938, Virginia W. Whitehurst, daughter of the late William C. and Ada (Curling) Whitehurst of Norfolk. His wife is president of the Norfolk Chapter of La Sertoma International and a director of the Chesapeake District of the Girl Scouts of America and also active in the Cape Henry Woman's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Everette K. Wilson have one daughter, Claudia Nellie, born on April 15, 1940.

The youngest of the sons is Guy Rathbone Wilson, vice president of the company. Born in Norfolk in 1924, he was graduated from Maury High School in 1943. He began learning the business "from the ground up" in boyhood and by the time he assumed a full-time place in it, was well versed in all phases of operation.

Guy R. Wilson married Marian Kea of Norfolk and is the father of two boys: i. Guy Rathbone, Jr. ii. Raymond Eugene.

ROBERT RIDDICK HARRELL—Since the beginning of his business career, Robert Riddick Harrell has been identified with the same firm, Suffolk Iron Works, and is now its owner and executive head. He has also been a loyal and effective worker in civic causes, and holds membership in a large number of worthwhile organizations.

He is a native of Suffolk, where he was born on April 11, 1899, son of Riddick R. and Eugenia (Vertley) Harrell. His father was born in Nansemond County as was his mother. Both are now deceased. Riddick R. Harrell founded the machine shop now known as Suffolk Iron Works. After he had completed his studies in Suffolk's public schools and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1921, Robert R. Harrell joined his father, and thoroughly learned the techniques of machine shop management before the elder man's death. When the founder died March 1929, he succeeded him as owner of the



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business, which he has capably managed since. The shop is located at 418 East Washington Street.

Mr. Harrell interrupted his studies at the time of World War I to serve in the United States Army. He was in uniform only a few months. Since the World War II period he has served on the local draft board, and is now its chairman. Formerly a member of the Chamber of Commerce, he served for six years on its board of directors. He has taken a constructive role in the programs of the Red Cross and the Boy Scouts of America. Apart from his major business interest, Mr. Harrell serves on the board of directors of the American Bank and Trust Company at Suffolk.

He is secretary and treasurer of the Birdsong Trust Fund, a past president of the Lions Club, in which he still retains membership, and is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member and past master of Hiram Lodge No. 340; member and past high priest of Mount Nebo Chapter No. 20 of the Royal Arch Masons; member of Portsmouth Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; and member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Norfolk. He is also vice president of the Suffolk Shrine Club.

A communicant of the Baptist Church, Mr. Harrell served for a decade as chairman of its finance committee. He is a Democrat in his politics.

At Suffolk, on December 16, 1923, Robert Riddick Harrell married Virgie Adeline Eley of that city, who is a daughter of John Mills and Addie Clifton (Lewis) Eley, both natives of Southampton County and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Harrell are the parents of three children: 1. Betty Anne, born September 1, 1927. She married A. S. Kyle, 3rd, and they have two children: i. A. S. Kyle, 4th. ii. Virginia Margaret. 2. Robert Riddick, born August 29, 1937. 3. John Clifton, born December 21, 1938.

GEORGE CARTER COLEMAN—The president of Birtcherd Dairy, Inc., George Carter Coleman has, in the course of his thirty-five years as its executive head, built this concern from modest beginnings into the leading dairy of Norfolk. It is in a very real sense his personal creation; and his achievement is reflected in his position in the business and civic life of the Lower Tidewater region.

Born May 23, 1883, near Danville in Pittsylvania County, Mr. Coleman is one of six children born to James Augustus and Mary (Shackelford) Coleman. Both of his parents were also natives of Pittsylvania County. His paternal grandfather was a substantial planter in antebellum days; and although he opposed war with the North, sup-

ported the Southern cause when the conflict came. Of English descent, George C. Coleman can claim among his ancestors colonial settlers in Virginia, who have taken a prominent part in the state's affairs down to the present time. His father was a successful tobacco planter in Pittsylvania County, and at the age of seventy-five, he and his wife moved to Danville, where they spent the rest of their lives. He died in his ninetieth year. His wife, the former Mary Shackelford, died at Danville at the age of eighty-two. She was a daughter of Robert Shackelford, a planter and Confederate veteran.

The youngest but one of the six children born to his parents, George C. Coleman passed his boyhood on the family farm, and received his early education in the one-room schoolhouse nearby. As a boy he worked on the farm and learned about tobacco planting. At the age of sixteen, however, he learned from sad experience that tobacco raising can be a precarious business. On the farm of a brother-in-law, Thomas Wills, who had died, he raised a tobacco crop totaling about thirty thousand pounds of leaf, cured it with the assistance of his father—and after paying the fertilizer bill, netted sixty dollars for his season's work. This was his last try at tobacco farming.

Deciding he needed more education, he enrolled at the Commercial College of Danville, and after completing two years' study there, worked for about nine months in the office of W. D. Hill, a South Boston lawyer. Finding office work too confining, he returned home and at the age of twenty, began his career in the dairy business at Danville. For a time he was associated with Henry Millner, and later with W. H. Hallenbeck, who came from Syracuse, New York, and who was to become Mr. Coleman's father-in-law. Their firm was known as the Banner Dairy, and was located in Danville. Mr. Coleman later acquired Mr. Hallenbeck's interests, and continued to operate the Banner Dairy for several years. He sold it to come to Norfolk, where he saw better opportunities.

He arrived in that city in 1915, and first became a milk producer for Edward J. Birtcherd, who had founded the Birtcherd Dairy a few years before. The founder had little interest in the retailing aspect of his business, and on August 1, 1921, sold to Mr. Coleman the small dairy together with about two hundred head of dairy cattle producing certified milk for the Norfolk trade. This marked the beginning of the present organization, which has, however, retained the Birtcherd name. In consequence of the growth and development of the dairy, it became necessary in 1929 to move into larger quarters. Mr. Coleman leased the property at the corner of 12th and

Monticello Avenue. By this time, Birtcherd Dairy was serving customers throughout Norfolk, Portsmouth and the surrounding area. Continued growth made still larger quarters imperative by 1937, and at that time the firm bought the property between 16th and 17th streets on Monticello Avenue, and there erected one of the most modern plants of its kind in the Norfolk area. It was stocked with the best equipment for processing and handling milk, and throughout the years since, has enjoyed continued growth and success. It draws its quality raw milk from farms in adjacent counties, some of which have dealt with the dairy for many years. When World War II brought a considerable shortage of milk produced locally, together with an increased public demand for the product, the company built a new plant at Amelia, in the rolling Piedmont section. One of the finest and most complete in its region for the collection, refrigeration and handling of milk, it developed the supply potentialities of that area. The milk is cooled at the Amelia plant, and transported by tank trucks to Norfolk. The company uses the most modern sanitary methods yet devised to assure Birtcherd dairy products a place of supremacy.

In 1947, a complete renovation was made of the plant which had been occupied since 1937, the most modern and efficient equipment being installed. The preceding year, additional facilities for the manufacture of ice cream had been incorporated into the plant. Birtcherd Quality Ice Cream has become as popular as the other products.

When Mr. Coleman acquired the Birtcherd interests in 1921, about fifteen men were employed in the business. Today there are three hundred names on the payroll. Retail home milk delivery is confined to Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach; but wholesale outlets comprise these areas and Newport News and the Hampton and Warwick trade areas as well.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Coleman has for many years taken a deep interest in fine dairy cattle. Until about five years ago, he maintained a herd numbering between four and five hundred head of Holstein and Guernsey cows on the Coleman Dairy Farms in Princess Anne County. He retains membership in the Virginia Dairymen's Association and the National Dairy Association, and is a member and past president of the Dairy Products Association.

Over the years he has taken a constructive interest in civic and public affairs. He served on the Norfolk County Board of Supervisors from 1924 to 1940, and was chairman of the board for eight years. A member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, he is a past director of the organi-

zation. He was formerly a member of the Norfolk Rotary Club, and still belongs to Owens Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Norfolk. Identified with the higher bodies of the York Rite, he is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His favorite pastime is deep-sea fishing, and he has extensively fished the waters of both the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico.

On October 10, 1910, at Danville, George Carter Coleman married Eleanor Margaret Hallenbeck, daughter of W. H. Hallenbeck, Mr. Coleman's early partner. She has always maintained an interest in the family business. The couple were the parents of six children: 1. Ruth Margaret, who married Herbert Denny of Norfolk. He is with the Birtcherd Dairy. 2. James A., who attended Fork Union Military Academy and Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was closely associated with his father in the operation of the dairy, and was vice president and general manager at his untimely death on December 27, 1948. A capable young business man, he is greatly missed within the organization, but contributed much of lasting value to it. He was married to the former Margaret Colonna of Norfolk. 3. Rachel, who married George Miller, a Norfolk business man. 4. Emily, who married Sidney Jordan of Norfolk County. 5. George Carter, Jr., who attended Sweetwater Military Academy, from which he entered the Army Air Corps for service in World War II. He trained as a pilot; and while on a B-29 mission between Saipan and Japan, in the closing days of the war, his plane was lost. A young man of promise, known for his amiable qualities as well as his manly virtues, he leaves the record of an exemplary life, for the encouragement of those shocked and saddened by his death. 6. Robert Henry, who attended the public schools of Norfolk, and is now with Birtcherd Dairy, Inc. He married Patricia Pillar of Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. George C. Coleman now have nine grandchildren.

JOHN T. NIX—Head of the John Nix Realty Company, with offices at 54 Afton Parkway, Craddock, Portsmouth, John T. Nix has also used his leadership effectively in civic causes. Among other posts, he holds membership on the Portsmouth Port Authority and is one of the commissioners of the Portsmouth Planning Commission.

Born January 29, 1912, at Williston, Florida, he is a son of Claude Elmore and Julia (Toddings) Nix of Portsmouth. His father is directing head of C. E. Nix and Son, a fuel oil distributor for the Sinclair Refining Company, with headquarters in Portsmouth. John T. Nix received his early education in the public elementary and high



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schools of West Palm Beach, Florida, and later took a business course at Norfolk College. Before completing this business course he was offered a position with the Sunshine Biscuit Company's branch at Norfolk as junior bookkeeper. He took this offer and filled the position for five years. At the end of that time he accepted a position with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company as credit manager of its Portsmouth branch. The company later transferred him to its Richmond branch as retail credit manager there, a position he continued to hold until 1938.

At that time, Mr. Nix resigned to enter business in his own name, forming the Tidewater Fuel Oil Company, which he headed as president and manager. He entered the real estate field in June 1953, forming the John Nix Realty Company of Cradock. In addition, he is real estate appraiser for the Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association of Portsmouth and is a recognized authority on real estate values.

Aside from his business activities, John T. Nix is perhaps best known for the active part he has played in civic affairs and particularly for his role in developing the potentialities of the ports of the Hampton Roads area. He is a committee chairman on the development of the Portsmouth waterfront in association with the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Portsmouth Port Authority as a commissioner. He is an effective advocate and leader in the movement to merge the Portsmouth Port Authority, the Norfolk Port Authority, and the Elizabeth River Tunnel Commission. Under the plan proposed by this group, profits from the Tunnel Commission's operations would be used to support needed port improvements in the area.

Mr. Nix is also a member of the Hampton Roads Foreign Commerce Club, the Portsmouth Executives Club, and the Portsmouth Assembly Club. He is an associate member of the American Building & Loan Institute. Attending the Monumental Methodist Church of Portsmouth, he has served on its board of stewards.

On April 20, 1940, at Portsmouth, John T. Nix married Ruth Porter, daughter of Amos E. and Alie (Garris) Porter. They are the parents of two children: 1. John T., Jr., born June 28, 1941. He is attending Woodrow Wilson High School. 2. Margaret Edwards, born February 18, 1945. She is attending John Marshall Elementary School. The family resides at 1044 Naval Avenue, Portsmouth.

LUTHER WELLONS CAULK, JR.—Since the beginning of his career, Luther Wellons Caulk, Jr., has been engaged in the peanut oil production industry. Serving the Suffolk Oil Mill in executive

capacities from his early years with the organization, he is now its president.

A native of Suffolk, he was born on September 25, 1899, son of Luther Wellons, Sr., and Stella Carlisle (Frawner) Caulk. Both parents are now deceased. His father too was born in Suffolk, and his mother in Richmond, Virginia. The younger Luther W. Caulk attended the public schools of his native city and graduated from Suffolk High School in 1917. He entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute in the Class of 1922, but was a student there for only one year. This being the period of World War I, he was a member of the Student Army Training Corps.

Mr. Caulk first worked at Suffolk Oil Mill in 1917, and he has been identified with the firm without interruption since 1921. His advancement to executive rank was rapid, and he was made secretary in 1925. In 1945 he was promoted to the presidency. The company is engaged in the crushing of peanuts for the extraction of oil, which is refined for the salad oil sold under the brand name of "Somillo." The plant and offices of the firm are on Bank Street in Suffolk.

During the World War II period, Mr. Caulk served his community as a member of the draft board. As an industrialist, he is a member of the American Chemical Society. His hobby is floriculture, and he is a member of the Virginia Camellia Society and the Southern California Camellia Society. As a golfer he is a member of the Virginia Senior Golf Association, Princess Anne Country Club, and Farmington Country Club at Charlottesville. He is also affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of Hiram Lodge No. 340, of which he is also a past master. He is a member of the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons at Suffolk. He is also a Rotarian and attends the Congregational Christian Church. Besides his camellia-growing and golf, Mr. Caulk is also fond of fishing.

In Suffolk, on June 8, 1934, Luther Wellons Caulk, Jr., married Louise Epps Brinkley of that city, daughter of Preston Sydney and Addie Hester (Mitchell) Brinkley. Her father, who is deceased, was in the lumber business at Suffolk.

THEODORE BAKER is president and manager of Twin City Tobacco Company, Inc., of Norfolk. This firm, which was organized September 1, 1919, with two salesmen, one truck to carry out its distribution schedule, and the city of Norfolk as its territory, is today one of the longest-established and most favorably known wholesale tobacco houses in Tidewater Virginia. In addition to quality brands of cigars—Garcia y Vega, Admiration, Florida Queen, Red Dot, Lord Clinton—it

also acts as distributor for Lowney's box candies, fountain supplies, paper products, and sundries. It now serves the entire Tidewater area, and also acts as government suppliers, its products reaching numerous ships' stores and post exchanges in the Fifth Naval District. R. D. Gornto, who founded the Twin City Tobacco Company, died in 1939. His widow continued to operate the business until September 19, 1941, when Theodore Baker purchased the firm. He remains its president and manager; his wife, Grace C. Baker, is vice president; and John Andrew Baker is secretary and treasurer. The first location at which the Twin City Tobacco Company operated was at 902 Main Street. When larger quarters were required, it moved to 211 Bank Street, and there conducted business until 1944. In 1943 Mr. Baker had purchased from John I. Clark the three-story building at 916-918 Main Street. This new structure, with fifteen thousand square feet of floor space, was occupied on January 1, 1944, and continued as the headquarters of the firm until the disastrous fire of March 15, 1952. This fire, which originated in an adjoining building, destroyed the Twin City Tobacco Company Building, its contents, and delivery equipment. Mr. Baker pays tribute to assistance from his competitors in enabling him to re-establish business within fifteen days. Since April 1, 1952, the firm has successfully operated from headquarters at 605-607 Botetourt Street.

Since acquiring the business in 1941, Theodore Baker has greatly expanded its volume of business. In today's operations, he uses seven salesmen and five trucks, serving the Tidewater area. Its rewarding growth has been the result of excellent customer relationships and longstanding friendships, coupled with the traditions of service established by the founders and carried on by the present management. As government suppliers, the Twin City Tobacco Company has extended the same capable and efficient service to Uncle Sam as it has to civilian customers. The company takes especial pride in the fact that so many employees have been with the organization throughout the majority of its existence. It would be fitting, if space permitted, to name these people, whose long service, efforts, and loyalty have made the company's progress possible.

Theodore Baker, head of the firm for over a decade and a half, was born August 15, 1903, on the Island of Crete, off the Grecian coast, and is a son of Andrew and Christine Baker. His parents, of Greek descent, were both natives of Crete, where they lived their entire lives. Andrew Baker, who died in 1953 at the age of eighty-two, was a merchant who supplied coal to ships in Suda Bay harbor. Mrs. Baker survived him by one year, and died at the age of eighty. The couple were the

parents of four sons: Emanuel and Nicholas, who remained in their native land, and Theodore and John Andrew, both of whom came to the United States and settled in Norfolk.

It was on January 3, 1917, that Theodore Baker arrived in this country, coming to Norfolk to make his home with his mother's sister, Catherine Christold. As a lad of fourteen, Theodore Baker first became acquainted with the English language and the customs of his adopted country. He soon overcame the many obstacles faced by an immigrant boy, and shortly after his arrival went to New Brunswick, New Jersey, where from March 1917, until late in 1919, he was employed by the pharmaceutical firm of Johnson and Johnson.

Mr. Baker then returned to Norfolk, where he entered the employ of the Cummings Confectionery Store at Granby and Charlotte streets, working at the soda fountain. There he continued for nine months, and during that time enrolled in evening classes at Maury High School, where he completed a four-year course. The first business venture which he undertook in his own right was the acquisition of a half-interest in a shoe-shine parlor which he helped establish at 116 Granby Street. He managed this business for fifteen months, then sold his interest. In the meantime he had acquired a half-interest in the California Confectionery Company at 601 Botetourt Street. In 1933 he became sole owner of this business, and until 1941 devoted his full time to its management. At that time he purchased the Twin City Tobacco Company; but he still retains ownership of the California Confectionery Company. It is managed, however, by his brother John Andrew Baker, who came to America in 1937 and is a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Baker was widely known for the excellent line of imported wines and champagnes sold through the California Confectionery Company. He came to be considered a connoisseur of fine wines, and operator of one of the most reliable distributorships in the state.

Through his own efforts, Theodore Baker has achieved a high position in the business and civic life of Norfolk and the Lower Tidewater area. A member of the Norfolk Tidewater Wholesale Credit Association, Inc., he is currently serving as its treasurer, and he is member of the board of directors of the Norfolk Wholesalers Association, Inc. He is also a member of the National Candy Wholesalers Association, Inc., and the National Association of Wholesale Tobacco Dealers. In his own city he is active in the Chamber of Commerce, and he is a member of the American-Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association and a communicant of the Greek Orthodox Church. Mr. Baker keeps himself well informed on a variety of

subjects and takes a vital interest in governmental affairs. He gives his support to the Democratic party. He is fond of reading, particularly biographical works, and is widely traveled. In 1937 he, Mrs. Baker, and their son, then twenty months old, left on a tour of Europe which continued for six months. They visited Mr. Baker's birthplace on the Island of Crete.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker were married on March 3, 1935, at Norfolk. She is the former Miss Grace Canias, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and daughter of the late George and Sophia (Orphan) Canias, now of Norfolk. Mrs. Baker is a member of the Daughters of Penelope and of the Greek Orthodox Church. The couple are the parents of four children: 1. Theodore, Jr., born on December 10, 1935. He attended Norfolk Academy, graduated from Maury High School, and is now a student at the University of Virginia, where he is majoring in business administration. 2. George Andrew, born October 13, 1938. He attended Norfolk Academy, graduated from Maury High School, and is now attending the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg. 3. Byron Alexander, born March 21, 1945. He is attending Walter Taylor Elementary School. 4. Paul Christopher, born December 14, 1949. The family residence is at 919 Redgate Avenue, and they have a summer home at Sixty-fourth and Ocean Front, Virginia Beach.

JOHN ARAGONA—As president of Norfolk United Builders, Inc., John Aragona has been the developer of several major subdivisions in his city and is a builder of fine homes. He is a man of dynamic force and creative ability, as well as courage and persistence.

A native of Calabria, Italy, he was born on January 6, 1906, son of Savario and Filomena (Mauro) Aragona. His father has remained in Calabria and is a retired businessman. He has made several trips to America, but has never planned to settle in this country. John Aragona is one of seven children—four sons and three daughters—born to his parents. He received his education in the schools of his native province and learned the cabinet-maker's and carpenter's trades in his home city. He was eighteen years old when, in 1924, he came to the United States. He located first at Jamaica, Long Island, New York, and there followed the carpenter's trade, in the course of time becoming a contractor and builder of homes. Not content to confine his efforts to the construction of residences alone, he turned his attention to the development of subdivisions, carrying on this development work in several localities.

By the early years of World War II, he was in Norfolk, and there, as head of the Arade Con-

struction Company, he erected three hundred houses in 1942-1943. He was active in other cities as well during the war period. At Baltimore, Maryland, he erected the Edgewater Apartments, comprising six hundred units, and at Lorain, Ohio, built about two hundred homes. In the years immediately following the war, his activities included the erection of several thousand houses on Long Island and the Argo Village project at Elmont, New York, with one thousand, six hundred homes and a shopping center.

In 1952 Mr. Aragona returned to Norfolk, where he concentrated his attention on residential construction and subdivision development. Outstanding among the projects on which he has worked in the greater Norfolk area in recent years have been Diamond Springs, where he erected about five hundred and fifty homes in 1952-1953, and Crestwood, a South Norfolk development where he erected two hundred and fifty homes in 1954. His most recent project is Aragona Village, comprising about eight hundred acres bordering on Virginia Beach Boulevard, six miles from the heart of the Norfolk business district, and eight miles from Virginia Beach. Opened in 1955, Aragona Village is made up of home sites eight thousand square feet in area, costing between eleven thousand and fifteen thousand dollars. Every effort has been taken to make a complete and perfected community of this development. It already has paved streets, city water supply and sewer system, and a modern elementary school, and the beautiful Princess Anne County High School is nearby. There are some three thousand homes, and the Aragona Village shopping center comprises fifty stores.

A liberal contributor to many worthwhile projects in Princess Anne County and greater Norfolk, Mr. Aragona possesses vision and civic spirit which have meant much to this region of Virginia. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Cavalier Yacht and Country Club (all of his home area), North Hills Country Club of New York, and Huntington Crescent Club of Huntington, Long Island, New York. He and his family are members of the Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church at Virginia Beach. Mr. Aragona is fond of the outdoor sports of golf, boating, fishing, and hunting.

On July 24, 1929, in New York City, John Aragona married Virginia Farino, a native of that city. They are the parents of five children: 1. Rachel, a graduate of Marymount College at Tarrytown, New York. She married Lawrence Anthony Sancilio of New York, a graduate of Holy Cross College, who is now associated with Norfolk United Builders, Inc. They are the parents of a son, Anthony. 2. Rose, also a graduate of Mary-

mount College. She married Emil Mohut of New York, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and now an electrical contractor in New York City. They are the parents of two children: Emil and Richard. 3. Joan, who is attending Florida Southern College. 4. John, Jr. 5. Eugene. These two young sons are attending Augusta Military Academy. The family's residence is "Linlier," in Princess Anne County.

VICTOR P. WILSON has practiced law at Hampton since he was admitted to the bar over a quarter-century ago. He is now senior partner in the firm of Wilson and Wilson, with offices at 111 North King Street, Hampton. Since 1950, he has been serving in the Virginia State Legislature.

Born in Hampton on September 24, 1902, he is a son of the late Thomas H. and Bettie A. (Hogg) Wilson. His father, who was born in York County in 1869, had spent most of his life as a merchant in Hampton and is now deceased. Mrs. Wilson, also a native of York County, died on July 4, 1935. Victor P. Wilson received his early education in Hampton public schools, and graduated from high school there in 1920. He began his advanced courses at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he was a student for three years. Later he attended the University of Virginia, graduated there in 1928, and took the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and his Bachelor of Laws degree as well.

Admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia in 1927, Mr. Wilson began his practice at Hampton as soon as he had graduated from law school. For some years he conducted a general practice under his own name, and in 1954, took into partnership his nephew, T. H. Wilson, 2nd. They remain partners in the firm of Wilson and Wilson. Victor P. Wilson is active in the Virginia State Bar Association and the Hampton Bar Association.

A Democrat and a loyal party man, Mr. Wilson has served as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Hampton and as secretary of the First Congressional District Democratic Association. Mr. Wilson was a delegate from the first Congressional District to the Democratic National Convention in 1956. He was first elected to the Virginia General Assembly in 1950, and in 1952 he was elected State Senator, an office he held until 1957.

Lodge activities constitute Mr. Wilson's major social interests. He is a member and past district deputy of Hampton Lodge No. 366 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the lodge of Fraternal Order of Eagles, also at Hampton, the Loyal Order of Moose lodge at

Newport News. His fraternity is Delta Kappa Epsilon. He attends the Central Methodist Church.

Mr. Wilson is unmarried. He makes his home in Hampton.

CHARLES CLIFFORD GRANT, JR.—In the life of Norfolk, Charles Clifford Grant, Jr., exercised a vital and constructive force. Although his span of years was brief, they were years of accomplishment, and he rose to a position of prominence in civic and fraternal as well as business affairs. From the beginning of his career, he headed his own business, the Grant Electric Company, but this well-managed enterprise was only one channel through which he served his fellow citizens, and he became a major influence in the affairs of his native city. He gave much to the groups in which he took part, and his death at the age of forty-six brought to a close a career filled with useful endeavor.

Born on December 15, 1901, in Norfolk, he was a son of Charles Clifford, Sr., and Martha Melvina (Fisher) Grant of that city. His paternal grandparents were George Washington and Katherine (Corbell) Grant. His father was for twenty years a meteorologist with the United States Weather Bureau in Norfolk and spent a similar period of time as secretary of the Norfolk Cotton Exchange.

Charlie Grant, as he was best known among friends and business associates, received his education in the public schools of Norfolk and graduated from Maury High School. He began his business career with George Tait and Sons of Norfolk. When he was hardly past his majority, he decided to cast his lot with the infant radio industry, which then, in 1922, was still in the crystal-set era. It was in that year that, in association with his brother George N. Grant, he founded the Grant Electric Company. He served as president and general manager of this firm until his death.

From modest beginnings, the organization achieved a gratifying success in a highly competitive merchandising field, in which integrity, intelligence, and practical business sense were essential factors. The Grant brothers opened their store at 3516 Colley Avenue and, after ten years at that location, moved to 120 West Freemason Street. Two years later, the steadily increasing volume of trade brought a need for larger quarters, and the firm then relocated at 430 Boush Street, where Grant Electric Company conducted the only exclusively electrical retailing business in downtown Norfolk. As a progressive and capable businessman, Charles C. Grant's career was characterized



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by vision and courage, and he advanced each step with a clean record of accomplishment, a high standard of business ethics, and faith in the possibilities of his trade.

His achievements brought him recognition in his city and in trade circles. An organizer of the Electric League of Norfolk, he served as president of that organization and was also president of the Retail Merchants Association during 1944-1945, when in addition to the usual duties of the office, he took the lead in promoting war bond sales among the city's merchants. He was a member of the board of directors of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, served on the board of directors of the Norfolk Savings and Loan Association, and was a member of its loan committee, and was also a member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army. In 1937 he served as president of the Cosmopolitan Club and also held a number of important committee posts in that organization. A member of Ruth Lodge No. 89 and Cavalier Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and of Auld Consistory of the Scottish Rite, he belonged to the higher bodies of Masonry and held the Thirty-second degree. In 1946 he was elected illustrious potentate of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, during which time the Shrine sponsored the first Oyster Bowl game which was played for the benefit of the Crippled Childrens Hospital. These games have been continued through the years. He was a member of the Izaak Walton League and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. His church was the First Presbyterian of Norfolk.

Mr. Grant left an excellent record of civic service. Into the performance of each of his many activities, he brought the enlivening quality of a delightful personality, a fine sense of humor, and a spirit of companionship.

On October 14, 1943, in Norfolk, Charles Clifford Grant, Jr., married Marie Snyder, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and daughter of Gustave and Mary (Yost) Snyder. Her father, who died in 1936, was a marine engineer. Mrs. Grant has been active in community affairs. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. The couple were the parents of one son, Charles Clifford, III, born June 14, 1945.

Mr. Grant's death came suddenly, in consequence of a heart attack, on February 2, 1948. The news of his passing brought sorrow wherever he was known, proportionate to his contribution to the life of his city and to the service of his fellows. A tribute paid him by the board of the Norfolk Savings and Loan Association, on which he served, expressed the sentiments of all who knew him. It read in part:

... His years on earth were not many, as men's lives are measured; and yet he accomplished much. The time during which we were privileged to have him with us in guiding the destinies of this organization was all too short. His warm personality, wise counsel, breadth of experience, and high character were assets we can ill afford to lose...

ALLEN BYNUM, JR.—One of Portsmouth's younger business leaders, Allen Bynum, Jr., is president and manager of the Bynum Finance Corporation, with offices in its new building at 430 County Street, at the corner of Dinwiddie and County streets.

Born February 4, 1928, in Norfolk, Allen Bynum is the youngest of four children born to Allen, Sr., and Bessie M. (Fisher) Bynum. His father, a native of Wilson, North Carolina, came to Portsmouth in 1924 as manager of the Seaboard Finance Corporation. He remained active in the financing field for twenty-five years. On March 3, 1947, the Bynum Finance Corporation in Portsmouth was organized and Allen Bynum, Sr., later became president and head of the organization. He died May 19, 1949. He was a member of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, and the Parkview Methodist Church.

Allen Bynum, Jr., has followed in his father's footsteps professionally and began his connection with the Bynum organization as a runner. He was educated in the public schools of Portsmouth, graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1947. He then joined the Bynum firm which was organized in that year. While still a young man, he received sound training in his chosen field of endeavor from his father and was well prepared to succeed him at the head of Bynum Finance Corporation, although he had reached his twenty-first birthday only a short time before. He successfully directs an organization with ten people on its payroll, which serves people throughout the Tidewater area, as well as in Portsmouth. Known as "a friendly organization," it engages in various types of financing, making loans up to six hundred dollars. The officers, in addition to Mr. Bynum as president and manager, are Bessie M. Bynum, vice president, Effie Dey Holcomb, secretary and treasurer. B. E. Beale is chairman of the board. The directors are Allen Bynum, Jr., L. Dow LedBetter, B. E. Beale, Effie Day Holcomb, and Bessie M. Bynum.

Mr. Bynum is a member of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia Association of Small Loan Companies, the National Consumer Finance Association, the Portsmouth Retail Merchants Association, the Exchange Bureau (a finance clearing house), and the Portsmouth Lions Club. He attends Parkview Methodist Church.

Besides his major business connection he is

also owner of Bynum Motor Sales, at 707 Airline Boulevard, on the corner of Hamilton Avenue by-pass and Airline Boulevard, which is known as Bynum's corner, Portsmouth. He and his sister, Mrs. Doris (Bynum) Cassell, are also partners in Bynum Florist, at 344 Broad Street in the same city.

On June 20, 1953, Allen Bynum, Jr., married Ethel Ann McNair of Portsmouth. They are the parents of three children: 1. Belinda Ann, born April 18, 1954. 2. Allen, 3rd, born October 29, 1955. 3. Virginia Marion, born November 24, 1950. The family lives on Courtney Road, Onelia Acres, Portsmouth.

JOHN TWOHY, II, has been active in organizing a number of firms in the construction industry over the years. His major interest has been the Commonwealth Sand and Gravel Corporation, with headquarters in Richmond, which he founded nearly thirty years ago, and has since served as president. It has a division at Norfolk, headed by his son, John Twohy, IV (q.v.). He has established the family in a very substantial way as leaders in the construction and supply field; has held office in a number of corporations in other spheres of commerce; and has found time for leadership in civic and organizational affairs.

Mr. Twohy is a native of Norfolk, born on June 11, 1900, in the house in which he still resides. He is a son of John and Katherine (Dugan) Twohy. His father, who was born near Waterford, Ireland, came to the United States at the age of thirty-one, and his first position here was with the Standard Oil Company at Weehawken, New Jersey. He came to Norfolk in 1882, and became a stevedoring contractor in the city, remaining active in that work until his death on February 3, 1914. He was president of Lamberts Point Towboat Company, and owner or part-owner of about seventy-five schooners. He had other business interests as well, including the Citizens Bank of Norfolk, of which he was a director. His wife was born in Portsmouth.

Reared in Norfolk, John Twohy, II, received his early education in St. George's Private School, and he later attended Norfolk Academy and Georgetown Preparatory School in Washington, D.C. He went on from there to advanced studies at the University of Virginia.

He was attracted to the construction field in early manhood, and in 1925 purchased the Aberdeen Sand Company at Aberdeen, North Carolina. This firm he continued to operate until 1951, and as it had by then become a relatively minor part of his management interests, he sold it to a number of his employees. Meantime, in 1928, he had purchased the land presently occupied by the plant of the

Commonwealth Sand and Gravel Corporation, in Henrico County. Shortly afterwards, he organized this company, of which he has remained the executive head to the present time.

It was also in 1928 that Mr. Twohy purchased the Ready-Mixed Concrete Company at Richmond, Virginia, and this firm was merged in 1954 with Commonwealth Sand and Gravel Corporation. In 1932 he purchased the Transit Mixed Concrete Company in Norfolk, and has operated the business under that name to the present time. Ready-Mixed Concrete is operated as a division of the parent firm, and is headed by his son. In 1933, John Twohy, II, formed the Interstate Sand and Gravel Corporation, but this was later merged with Commonwealth. It was also in 1933 that he and associates purchased the local operation of the Shearman Concrete Pipe Company, which had a plant at Norfolk. This the industrial executive operated until 1946. At that time it was sold to other interests, and its name was changed to The Mid-Atlantic Concrete Pipe and Products Corporation. However, Mr. Twohy has held the office of vice president in the emergent organization since it has operated under that name.

At the present time, Commonwealth Sand and Gravel Corporation has its main office on Darbytown Road in Richmond, and a branch office and plant at Norfolk. Employing over two hundred people in its overall operations, it has grown to one of the largest concerns of its kind in the state. In addition to the Ready-Mixed Concrete Division, it has an Interstate Sand and Gravel Division, with a plant on the southern branch of the Elizabeth River at South Norfolk.

In addition to his executive leadership in the firms mentioned above, John Twohy, II, has served as vice president and a member of the board of Norfolk Federal Savings and Loan Association, and he has been for many years a director of Colonial Stores. For four years he held the office of president of the Norfolk Advertising Board.

Over the years, he has performed many valuable services on behalf of his community. During the depression years, he served on the Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Works Progress Administration. He has served, in more recent years, as chairman of the campaign fund of the Norfolk Community Chest, and was for many years a member of its board. He has also held positions as treasurer and member of the board of directors of the Norfolk Hospital Association.

A Catholic in his religious faith, Mr. Twohy has also been a devoted worker for Sacred Heart Church. For many years he served on the board of the Bureau of Catholic Charities, and he has been a member of the lay boards of St. Vincent de Paul



John Proby, II.



John F. Kennedy IV

Hospital. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Twohy is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and since his college days at the University of Virginia, has been a member of Delta Phi fraternity and the Skull and Keys. As an undergraduate, he was for two years business manager of Corks and Curls, the university's yearbook.

An independent in his politics, Mr. Twohy has nonetheless won the political backing to play an important role in his city's public life. He was a member of the Norfolk City Council from 1946 to 1950. He is a veteran of service in the United States Navy in World War I, his period of service totaling four years. He held the rating of chief boatswain's mate. He has been active in the affairs of the American Legion, as a member of Post No. 35. He has served as vice chairman of the Norfolk Council of the Legion; and in 1940 was chairman of its Department of Virginia's membership committee.

In Cleveland, Ohio, on September 10, 1924, John Twohy, II, married Grace Elizabeth Merrick, daughter of Frederick Chapman and Grace Elizabeth (Gilman) Merrick. To their marriage three children have been born: 1. John, IV, who is the subject of an accompanying biographical sketch. 2. Patricia Ann, who was born on March 18, 1930. She is the wife of Dr. George H. B. Rector. 3. Edward Merrick, who was born on October 20, 1934, and is now a student at the University of Virginia. Mrs. Twohy, like her husband, has taken a constructive part in community and civic activities. She is a member of the lay boards of St. Vincent de Paul Hospital and Leigh Memorial Hospital. She was one of the organizers of the Children's Entertainment Bureau, and also a founder of the Town and Country Garden Club. She has served as president of the Garden Club of Norfolk, and is a member of the Garden Club of America. Active in the Junior League of America, she formerly served as a regional director.

JOHN TWOHY, IV—The career of John Twohy, IV, is closely linked with the construction industry at Norfolk. He is vice president of the Commonwealth Sand and Gravel Corporation, and manager of the Ready-Mixed Concrete Division of that company, the latter having its plant and general offices at Norview Avenue and Virginian Railway. Main offices of Commonwealth Sand and Gravel Corporation are at Richmond, Virginia. The firm was founded by his father, John Twohy, II, who remains its president, and is also general manager of its overall operations. Its extensive operations make it one of the largest firms of its kind

in Virginia. In addition to its Ready-Mixed Concrete Division, its operations include the Interstate Sand and Gravel Division, with plant on the southern branch of the Elizabeth River at South Norfolk, and the Richmond office, located on Darbytown Road in that city. As distributors of sand, gravel, concrete, and fill, the corporation has had an important part in construction operations in the greater Norfolk area, Tidewater Virginia, and the state as a whole.

Born January 7, 1926, in Norfolk, John Twohy, IV, is a son of John Twohy, II, and Grace Elizabeth (Merrick) Twohy. His father is likewise a native of Norfolk, while his mother was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Of Irish descent, the Twohy family has long been identified with community life in Norfolk. The record of John Twohy, II, founder of Commonwealth Sand and Gravel Corporation, is to be found in an accompanying sketch. Mrs. Twohy, the former Grace Elizabeth Merrick, is a daughter of Frederick C. and Grace (Gilman) Merrick of Cleveland, Ohio, where both the Merrick and Gilman families have long been prominent. John, II, and Grace Elizabeth (Merrick) Twohy became the parents of three children: 1. John, IV, whose career we consider in this sketch. 2. Patricia Ann, now the wife of Dr. George H. B. Rector. He is now practicing medicine in Norfolk. 3. Edward Merrick, who is completing his courses at the University of Virginia.

Receiving his early education in public and private schools in Norfolk, John Twohy, IV, later attended Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, where he graduated in 1944. He then entered naval service, being assigned to the V-12 program at the University of Richmond. He was later in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of North Carolina, also taking regular courses there and receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1946 after only two years' study. He was commissioned an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve in 1946, and entered active service with the general task force on the West Coast as radiological safety officer. He concluded his active duty in June 1947, and retains the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, in the United States Navy Inactive Reserve.

Immediately following his release from active naval duty, Mr. Twohy entered the Commonwealth Sand and Gravel Corporation on a full-time basis. As vice president of the corporation, and manager of its Ready-Mixed Concrete Division, he has contributed much to the expansion of the business. Its plant and facilities are among the most modern in the Norfolk area, and it produces the highest quality of concrete. In this operation, twenty-three skilled workers are employed, and the product is

distributed by fifteen radio-dispatched concrete-mixing trucks.

John Twohy, IV, is a director of the Virginia Ready-Mixed Concrete Association. In his home city he serves on the junior board of the Central Young Men's Christian Association, and is a member of the Norview Lions Club and the Lafayette Yacht and Country Club. His social fraternity is Beta Theta Pi. He and his family attend Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, and he is a member of its Holy Name Society. He is fond of the outdoors and his favorite sports are hunting, fishing, and boating.

On July 10, 1948, at Norfolk, John Twohy, IV, married Margaret Addington, daughter of Joseph Clark and Helen (Murphy) Addington. Her father is a wholesale lumberman in Norfolk, being president of Addington-Beamon Lumber Company. Mrs. Twohy was born in that city on October 3, 1926. She is a graduate of Maury High School and Sweet Briar College in Virginia. She is active in community and social affairs, being a member of the Junior League of Norfolk, the Junior Garden Club, Leigh Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary, and the Norfolk Society of Arts and Sciences. Mr. and Mrs. Twohy are the parents of four children: 1. Margaret Merrick, born June 25, 1949. 2. Jane Clark, born September 29, 1950. 3. Elizabeth Addington, born December 8, 1952. 4. Anne Dabney, born March 19, 1956.

DARLING DEVINE JONES—Sound training and experience in the transfer and warehousing business has formed the background on which Darling Devine Jones has built his successful firm, D. D. Jones Transfer and Warehouse Company, Inc., at Norfolk. This firm, which has a record of nearly three decades of service to customers in Virginia and the Carolinas, has two locations in the city—at 209-225 West Main Street, and 630 Poindexter Street.

Mr. Jones was born on April 1, 1893, in Harnett County, North Carolina, son of Edgar A. and Louise Elizabeth (Jones) Jones. Both parents were natives of North Carolina and both are now deceased. His father, a lumberman and a farmer, died in 1920. The oldest of five children born to his parents, D. D. Jones passed his boyhood in Harnett County, where he received his early education. He later attended business college in Raleigh, after which he began his career in the retail grocery business.

In 1918 he sold his interest in his store and came to Norfolk, which has been the scene of his activities since. His first position there was with the David Pender Grocery Company, but not seeing a future in a clerk's job at twelve dollars per week,

he left later the same year to accept a position as supervisor of warehouse operations at the Lambert's Point Docks for the United States Engineers. He continued in this connection until 1920, and for several years following, he was employed by the Southgate Storage Company as superintendent of piers in warehousing merchandise. Mr. Jones's next association was with Libby McNeill and Libby Company, which placed him in charge of its Norfolk warehouse operations. He later became sales representative for Virginia with this firm, and had his headquarters at Roanoke.

In 1928, Mr. Jones resigned his position with Libby, McNeill and Libby to organize his own business. He had had sufficient experience in transferring and warehousing, and likewise sufficient confidence in his own abilities, to promise a likelihood of success. As it was first founded, the firm was known as the D. D. Jones Transfer Company, of which Mr. Jones was sole owner. The first location of the concern was at the Bay Line Docks at the foot of Main Street. From a modest start in three thousand square feet of warehouse space and two trucks in operation, he continued to expand and to build, over the years which followed, the extensive facilities of the D. D. Jones Transfer and Warehouse Company, Inc. The firm was incorporated under that name in 1937, and Mr. Jones has been its president ever since.

The company has grown into one of the largest of its kind in the entire Tidewater area, with modern warehouse space of fifty thousand square feet located at 209-225 West Main Street, purchased in 1943, occupying an entire block bounded by Jackson, Mathews, Kelly and Main streets, which includes the Norfolk and Western Railway siding and the gasoline station. In the course of further expanding its operations in 1954, the company purchased a three-and-one-half-acre site at 630 Poindexter, and there erected one of the most modern warehouses in the greater Norfolk area. This too has fifty thousand square feet of floor space and every facility for the storage and distribution of merchandise. The truck terminal is the Norfolk center of operations for the Davidson Transfer and Storage Company of Baltimore, Maryland, operating north, the Hennis Freight Line of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, operating west; and the Bruce Johnson Freight Line operating south to Atlanta. The D. D. Jones Transfer and Warehouse Company operates a freight line to Carolina and to Virginia points as far north as Richmond. It specializes in daily freight service, in all types of merchandise storage, and acts as pool car distributors. The company's success and growth have been made possible by its ability to offer a prompt and dependable service.

It has prospered by efficient management and by obtaining and utilizing the most efficient equipment, and employing practices in handling and storage that are conducive to safety and economy.

In its overall operations, the D. D. Jones Transfer and Warehouse Company, Inc., has seventy-five employees on its payroll, and fifty-seven trucks or trailer-trucks with radio communications for contacting the home office over a twenty-five-mile area. Plans are now being completed to add seventy thousand square feet of storage space to its warehouse facilities, to keep pace with customer demand. The present officers of the firm are D. D. Jones, president; T. H. Jones, executive vice president; Edna E. Ricks, secretary; and L. G. Burroughs, general manager. The firm is a member of the American Trucking Association, the Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, the D. H. Overmyer Warehouse Association and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Jones himself belongs to the Norfolk Traffic Club, and Owens Lodge No. 164, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. A member of the higher bodies of Masonry, he holds membership in Auld Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Pythias. He is a communicant of the Larchmont Baptist Church.

Fond of outdoor life, Mr. Jones acquired in recent years a fine farm property at Como, in Hertford County, North Carolina. There he and Mrs. Jones now reside. He commutes daily to Norfolk to supervise the operation of his business. On his farm he raises peanuts and cotton, Hereford and Black Angus cattle. His favorite sports are fishing and hunting.

In Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1914, Darling Devine Jones married Letitia Harris of Williamsburg, Virginia, daughter of the late T. H. and Letitia (Warburton) Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of four children: 1. Elizabeth, who is a graduate of the College of William and Mary, and is married to Dr. Leslie H. Pierce, on the staff at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. and Mrs. Pierce are the parents of three children: Letitia, Beverley, and Leslie H., Jr. 2. Thomas Harris. He is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he majored in chemical engineering. During World War II, he served as a captain in the United States Army Air Corps and was in the Pacific Theater of Operations. On his return to civilian life, he joined D. D. Jones Transfer and Warehouse Company, and is now executive vice president. Thomas H. Jones married Dorothy Butler of Norfolk, and they are the parents of

three children: William, Robert and Letitia Jones. 3. Letitia Gregory. She is a graduate of William and Mary College, and is married to John Henry Walker, Jr., an architect practicing in Richmond. They are the parents of four children: Letitia Gregory, Virginia, Henly Mary, and John Henry Walker, III. 4. Robert Warburton. He graduated from the University of North Carolina with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. During the Korean War he served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers as a second lieutenant. He is now with the D. D. Jones Transfer and Warehouse Company. Robert W. Jones married Josephine Gaither of Charlotte, North Carolina, and they are the parents of one son, Robert Warburton Jones, Jr.

ROBERT RAMSEY MARQUIS—With an excellent background in various phases of engineering and construction work, Robert R. Marquis founded the general building contracting firm which bears his name at Portsmouth in November 1945. He has remained owner and president of the organization, which has its headquarters at 2229 County Street. In the intervening years, it has become an important factor in commercial, industrial, and institutional construction in Tidewater Virginia. Its steady growth is soundly based on quality of workmanship, integrity, and fair dealing. Robert R. Marquis, Builder, employs about fifty men year-round. Office staff includes William Armistead, office manager and estimator; Mrs. Viola Vance, bookkeeper; and William Vandiver, timekeeper.

As one of the major commercial, industrial, and institutional construction firms in Portsmouth and the Tidewater region, the company has erected five new F. W. Woolworth Company stores and has remodelled and enlarged the two Woolworth stores at Portsmouth in the past three years. It has built the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, an addition to Ohel Sholom Temple, and such commercial buildings as the Wards Corner Hofheimer Store. Under Mr. Marquis' capable direction, it has also erected the Oakwood School, Norview School, Ingleside School, Southwestern School and Ocean Air School and additions to Churchland Elementary School, the Ann Street School, and the Emily Spong School in Portsmouth.

A native of Ellwood, Pennsylvania, Robert R. Marquis was born August 16, 1906. Following his education in public schools, he attended Chicago Technical College, taking evening courses in construction engineering and graduating in 1928. Early in his youth he began his career in the construction field and worked for various builders throughout the Eastern states. In 1940 he came to Portsmouth, where he joined the construction depart-

ment of the F. W. Woolworth Company. Following the completion of this company's project in Portsmouth, he entered the employ of the Rust Engineering Company of Pittsburgh, as construction superintendent on projects at the Norfolk Navy Yard. He continued in this connection, of value to the defense program of the United States, until the end of World War II.

In November 1945, he left to organize his own firm, Marquis Construction Company, at Portsmouth, and the organization has operated with gratifying success under his management. Mr. Marquis is a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Branch of Associated General Contractors of America and is a member of the board of directors of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Portsmouth Lions Club. Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he is a member of Seaboard Lodge; the Royal Arch Masons; the Scottish Rite bodies; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Portsmouth Shrine Club and served as its president in 1948-1949. A communicant of the Green Acres Presbyterian Church, he now serves as a deacon.

At Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on August 16, 1929, Robert R. Marquis married Lilly Ann Edge, daughter of Samuel and Lilly (Malcomb) Edge. Mr. and Mrs. Marquis are the parents of two daughters: 1. Ann J., born September 9, 1930. She attended Mary Washington College and in 1953 graduated as a registered nurse from Norfolk General Hospital. She is now a registered anesthetist. She married L. E. Potts, Jr., of Virginia Beach, and they are the parents of a daughter, Shirley Ann Potts. 2. Gloria Jane, born September 21, 1937. She is now attending Richmond Professional Institute, where she is majoring in business administration. She married Norman Goodloe, Jr., of Portsmouth, who is majoring in the same subject at the University of Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Marquis make their home at 722 Sterling Point Drive, Portsmouth.

JOHN THORNTON WITHERS—Suffolk's veteran insurance executive, John Thornton Withers, gained experience in his field through positions of leadership in several organizations, before forming his own firm, West and Withers. This was the predecessor of the Suffolk Insurance Corporation, which was formed a short time before his death, and which remains one of the major firms of its kind in the region. Mr. Withers' varied interests included banking, and civic service through the medium of local organizations.

The Withers line has been traced from Edward I of England, through the two succeeding English

monarchs of that name, through Edmund, Duke of York, and his son, Richard, Earl of Cambridge. Alice, daughter of Richard, married Thomas Musgrave; and a descendant, Eleanor Musgrave, married Christopher Lancaster. A daughter of this line, Eleanor Lancaster, married Richard Claiborne; and this couple were the grandparents of John T. Withers' first forebear to locate in Virginia. William Claiborne, who died in the Commonwealth in 1676. From him the line descends through William (2) Claiborne, who died in 1683; his daughter, Frances, who married John Withers in 1714; Enoch Keene Withers, born October 4, 1716, and his wife Janet Chinn; Robert Walter Withers, who was born February 22, 1795, and married Susan Dabney Anderson; and Austin Chinn and Missouri Taylor (Riddick) Withers, who were the parents of John Thornton Withers. This couple were also the parents of other children: 1. Nathaniel Riddick, who was born in 1872 and died in 1920, and who married Rosa Etheridge. 2. Missouri Kilby, born in 1873; married Arthur Woolford. 3. Robert Walter, born in 1875; married Louise B. McAdams. 4. John Thornton Withers was the next born, and he is the subject of the following sketch. 5. Janet Alexander, born in 1879; married William Herbert Darden. 6. Anna Chinn Withers, who died unmarried.

Born at Suffolk on June 15, 1877, John Thornton Withers attended public and private schools there, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute. After service in the Spanish-American War, he began his career in the insurance field about the turn of the century, working in the office of the firm of Woodward and Elam in Suffolk for a few years. He later left to join Harper and West, likewise an insurance agency. When he later bought an interest in this firm, he joined Mr. West as a partner in operating it under the new name of West and Withers. Mr. Withers continued in his managerial duties with this steadily growing general insurance business until very nearly the end of his career. Just prior to his death, which occurred in September 1948, it was incorporated under its present name, Suffolk Insurance Corporation.

Mr. Withers was also a director of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, and had served as vice president and chairman of its board for some time before his death. A communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Suffolk, he was a member of its vestry. He was a member of the lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and was a Rotarian. He also belonged to the Princess Anne Country Club at Virginia Beach, and enjoyed golf and fishing as his favorite outdoor sports. He was a Democrat in his politics.



J. V. Matthews



Wm. H. Jones

On October 25, 1905, John Thornton Withers married Miss Phoebe Jones, daughter of prominent banker William H. Jones, Jr., whose biographical record accompanies this. Mr. and Mrs. Withers had the following children: 1. Sarah Virginia. She married Walter W. Shelley of Minnesota, who is in the real estate business in Jacksonville, Florida. They have one son, Walter Davis, Jr. 2. Mary Taylor. She married Harvard R. Birdsong, whose biography is to be found in this work, and they have three children: Sally, Susan and Mary Harvard Birdsong. 3. William Jones. 4. Doris Emmie. She married Horace Phillips McNeal of Norfolk, who now holds the rank of commander in the United States Navy. Commander and Mrs. McNeal are the parents of three sons: Joseph Ross McNeal, 2nd, Thornton Withers, and Horace Phillips, Jr. 5. Phoebe, who married Henry Callender Field, Jr., of Seattle, also a commander in the United States Navy. They have four children: Henry Callender, 3rd, Thornton Withers, Peter Jones and Phoebe Withers Field.

Mr. Withers' death occurred at Suffolk on September 9, 1948.

WILLIAM H. JONES, JR.—A banker who took a leading role in the development of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, William H. Jones, Jr., came to the Lower Tidewater area from Georgia, having been born in Charlton County, that state, on October 13, 1861. He was a son of William H., Sr., and Emma (Copeland) Jones, and his father was a native of Nansemond County, who had gone to Georgia to engage in the naval stores business. Attending local schools and Richmond College, the younger William H. Jones completed commercial training at Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York, then joined his father in the Georgia enterprise.

Shortly afterwards, however, they returned to the Tidewater region, and at the age of twenty, Williams H. Jones, Jr., became a clerk in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond. In January 1883, shortly after he had come of age, he was appointed cashier of this bank, a position he held until his death. Commenting on his career, a local journalist wrote:

During his almost thirty-four years' administration of the affairs of the bank he saw it grow from a small business to one of the foremost ranking banks in the country, and its phenomenal success was largely due to his great ability and efficiency as a banker.

An editorial in the "Evening Mail," at the time of his death, gives us this fuller picture of his achievements, and of his character as a banking executive:

... William Henry Jones, Jr., in his way, was a genius, for he probably was the greatest country banker in America.

When he became cashier the bank had a capital of \$20,000 and a modest business. When he died it still had a capital of \$20,000, but its undivided profits were far in excess of \$1,000,000, and it stood at the head of American banks in point of capital to surplus... Mr. Jones was the bank. He was its heart and its soul. He had been raised on a farm and he loved the soil. The development of the country, the well-being of the people, were of deepest interest to him. Farmers came to him with their problems and their troubles. He was their friend. He knew their children by their first names.

Mr. Jones took a helpful part in every program for community betterment. He was also an earnest worker in the Suffolk Christian Church, and served for some years as chairman of its finance committee. He was a member of the lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On January 23, 1884, William Henry Jones, Jr., married Miss Sallie Virginia Jones. They became the parents of three daughters: Mrs. John Thornton Withers (whose late husband is the subject of an accompanying biography); Mrs. Horace W. Phillips; and Miss Dorris Jones.

Mr. Jones' death occurred on August 5, 1916. One of the more fully expressed tributes to the man and his work is found in a resolution passed by his fellow directors of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond. This reads in part:

... A frank and genial disposition, a mind well trained and directed by a strong will and a high character, a broad vision in commercial affairs and the rare ability to properly measure men and quickly grasp and fairly judge the merit of any proposition submitted to him, peculiarly qualified him for his work. With the success of the Bank as the sole object of his business ambition, he dedicated his splendid energies to its service and determined to make it one of the noted financial institutions of the country... His worth, his charm of association, his friendship and affection will be perpetuated in the hearts of each one of us. His high character and lofty ideals have been interwoven into all the policies of the institution. His death is a distinct loss to this community. Its growth is due in no small measure to his business sagacity and wise foresight. As a central figure in its business and financial life, his advice was frequently sought and freely given, and to such advice many business interests in this section can, and, we have no doubt, do attribute their success.

JAMES THOMAS MORELAND—One of Norfolk's senior business leaders, James Thomas Moreland has played a large part in the upbuilding of the city's long-established seed store, George Tait and Sons, Inc.

This firm was founded by George Tait, who was among the ablest seedsmen of the past century when the seed trade, and the science of germinology itself, were young. He was born in Haddington, east of Edinburgh, Scotland, and in his youth had crossed the English border. In England

he gained his first knowledge of the seed business, and had entered the field commercially when an older brother, Robert L. Tait, who had come to the United States in 1859, suggested that George cross the ocean and join him in the turpentine works he had established at Wilmington, North Carolina. It was a time of mounting political turmoil, and the brothers' partnership had not long been established when the war broke out. Both were commissioned as officers in the 18th Regiment of North Carolina Infantry, Robert being captain of Company B and George captain of Company K, a command he held until March 1862. He resigned then with the rank of major, to be commissioned a lieutenant colonel and placed in command of the 40th Regiment of North Carolina (Third Artillery). His military career came to an end in 1865, while he was serving as colonel of the 79th Regiment (Eighth Cavalry).

When he returned to peacetime pursuits, a bleak prospect faced George Tait, as it did the other Confederate veterans. The turpentine works had been destroyed when Wilmington was captured by Federal troops in January 1865. He decided to return to the seed business, and in 1869, opened his store in Norfolk under the name of George Tait, Seedsman. This business has been in continuous existence ever since, although as the years brought changes in management, size, and corporate structure, it became known as George Tait and Sons, Inc. It was in 1885 that the founder first took into the business with him his oldest son, James C. Tait, and in 1887 another son, William L., joined the firm. The style of George Tait and Sons was adopted at that time. At about the same period, a new building was erected at 55 Commercial Street, which was described as the tallest and most ornate in Norfolk—five and one-half stories in height. The company located in this building, which in later years was enlarged by an annex at the rear. In addition, two warehouses, with a siding on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, were acquired to accommodate the firm's expanding operations and were maintained by the company until 1956. In 1889 a young man named Tom Moreland began his work in the store. His career, as present head of the company, will receive our attention shortly. Another son of the founder, Robert Tait, came to work in 1895. Under the leadership of Colonel Tait, the organization grew and prospered, and Tait's Thoroughbred seeds won a wide reputation and public confidence. Colonel Tait died in 1898, and his son, James C., succeeded him as head of the firm.

In 1912 William L. and Robert Tait retired from the business, and their interests were bought by James Thomas Moreland and David B. Black-

wood. Mr. Blackwood had come into the business in 1899. James C. Tait died in 1919, and his interest was purchased by Mr. Moreland, Mr. Blackwood, and Frank W. Beach. At that time, Mr. Moreland became president; D. B. Blackwood, vice president and treasurer, and Mr. Beach, who had joined the organization in 1910, was made secretary. The three were associated for many years in the management of the company, and their long relationship was terminated in 1938 by the death of Mr. Blackwood, whose interest was purchased by Mr. Moreland and Mr. Beach. These two head the company at the present time. Mr. Beach is the subject of an accompanying sketch.

The firm of George Tait and Sons, Inc., has kept apace with the times, and its progressive and thoroughly trained management have developed an ever-wider market for Tait's Thoroughbred Seeds, as its products continue to be known. They are sold throughout Maryland and North Carolina as well as Virginia, and on this superior and reliable merchandise the firm has built an excellent customer relationship. In addition to producing and distributing Tait's Thoroughbred Seeds, the firm acts as wholesale and retail headquarters for seeds of other producers, and for plants, bulbs, fertilizers, sprayers, insecticides, lawn grasses, and all types of gardening equipment. The organization carries on an extensive mail-order business over a wide territory, and annually issues about thirty thousand catalogs. On its staff are experts in each field it serves. Enjoying good employee relationships, George Tait and Sons, Inc., has a high percentage of employees who have been with the firm for many years. Its offices and warehouse facilities are most modern, and insure pleasant conditions for efficient work. In keeping apace with the times and with the demand for its products, the Tait Realty Corporation has been organized, which has purchased a two-and-one-half-acre site at the southeast corner of Tidewater Drive and Virginia Beach Boulevard. In 1956 a new retail store, general offices, and warehouse, comprising fifty thousand square feet of floor space, were erected—considered to be one of the most modern plants of its kind in the United States. The new building, which has ample parking space and its own railroad siding, was erected at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, and was first occupied by the firm in September 1956. Here the long-established firm will take care of its constantly expanding business, and be able to serve its many old and new customers in a more efficient manner.

The present officers of George Tait and Sons, Inc., are James T. Moreland, president; Frank W. Beach, executive vice president and treasurer;

John R. Herrick, vice president; and Mary L. Butler, secretary.

James Thomas Moreland, familiarly known as Tom since his early days in the organization, is a native of Norfolk, born on October 18, 1872, the son of Richard Rogers and Agnes (Bready) Moreland. His father was also a Norfolk native, who died in 1879 at the age of thirty-six. He was a retail dry goods merchant, whose store and home were both located at 286 Bute Street. He was a veteran of service in the Confederate States Army. His wife, the former Agnes Bready, was born in Ireland, daughter of James Bready who had brought his family to this country and to Norfolk before the war. One of four children born to his parents, Tom Moreland received his education in the public schools of Norfolk, but his formal education was limited by the fact that he had to assist his widowed mother in the support of the family. At the age of thirteen he entered the employ of the Mapp Company, manufacturers of tin ware, coffee pots, buckets, and other kitchen-ware, in Norfolk. He continued there for twenty-two months, and for a like period was employed by the Reynolds Brothers, cotton brokers of Norfolk.

On July 1, 1889, he began his employment under Colonel George Tait, founder of George Tait and Sons, Inc. He clerked in the store and gradually assumed additional responsibilities in its various phases of operations. With the incorporation of the firm, he became vice president, and as previously noted had from time to time acquired a considerable financial interest in the firm. With the death of James C. Tait in 1919 he became president. His nearly four decades at the head of the Lower Tidewater's major industrial and commercial firms, and more particularly his record of well over threescore years with the same organization, have few parallels in the history of the region. Throughout the years he has had a major part in promoting the prosperity and expansion of the business, and with his cumulative experience, has been able to lead George Tait and Sons, Inc., to a place as one of the most widely recognized seed houses in the trade.

Mr. Moreland has had a prominent part in the growth and development of Norfolk throughout the most active period of its history, and is regarded as one of its leading citizens. For thirty-five years he has been a member of the Norfolk Rotary, and through his firm, also holds membership in the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the American Seed Trade Association, and the Southern Seedsmen's Association. A communicant of the First Presbyterian Church, he has long been active in its work and has served on its board

of elders for thirty-five years. For recreation he enjoys gardening and floriculture.

In Norfolk, on October 20, 1908, James Thomas Moreland married Mary Virginia Fiveash of that city, daughter of Joseph G. and Mary Virginia (Staylor) Fiveash. Her father was prominently identified with the newspaper business as co-owner of the Public Ledger in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Moreland reside at 731 Maury Place, Norfolk.

FRANK WHITFIELD BEACH—The executive vice president and treasurer of George Tait and Sons, Inc., Norfolk's long-established seed firm, Frank Whitfield Beach has played a significant role in the firm's development over a long period of time. The history of this organization is to be found in the career record of James Thomas Moreland, its president, who has been Mr. Beach's associate throughout the latter's connection with the firm. While they are senior members of Norfolk's business fraternity, their progressive management and ready adaptation to the changing needs of the times have kept their firm in the forefront and assured its steady progress. It occupies one of the most modern plants of its type, on Tidewater Drive, completed in 1956. Mr. Beach's leadership has emerged in organizational and civic connections as well.

Born December 12, 1892, in Norfolk, Mr. Beach is a son of George Frank and Nina Armstrong (Ewell) Beach. His grandfather, Captain George W. Beach, was a native of Boston who served in the Union Army. Stationed for a time in Norfolk during the war, he was impressed by the possibilities of the "enemy" city, and despite the bitter and conflicting spirit which existed generally, he made a number of friends there. He returned to Boston with the close of the war, but shortly afterwards moved with his family to Norfolk, where he made his home for many years. His son George F. Beach received his education there, and he married a native of the city, Nina Armstrong Ewell, who died in 1950 at the age of eighty-two. Frank Whitfield Beach was the oldest of the four children born to them.

Educated in the public schools of Norfolk, he graduated from Maury High School in 1910, and immediately entered the employ of George Tait and Sons, Inc. He began his connection as an office boy, and familiarized himself with the various departments. Showing a marked aptitude for management, he was named secretary of the firm, of which Mr. Moreland became president and D. B. Blackwood vice president. The three men continued their close association in the executive direction of the firm until 1938, when Mr. Blackwood died. His interest was purchased by Mr.

Moreland and Mr. Beach, who have since retained control of the business,

In 1919 Mr. Beach became secretary of the company and as executive vice president and treasurer since 1946, Mr. Beach has had a conspicuous role in the promotion of the company and of its sales volume. It sells its Tait's Thoroughbred Seeds directly, through its wholesalers and representatives, to customers in all parts of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, and in addition has built up such an extensive mail-order business that it has an annual printing of about thirty thousand copies of its catalog. Besides its own seeds and those of other producers, George Tait and Sons, Inc., distributes fertilizers and insecticides, plant bulbs and lawn grasses, and a variety of equipment for gardeners. It has become a large organization with a staff of experts in each of its departments. With the purchase of a two-and-one-half-acre site on Tidewater Drive at Virginia Beach the firm began its program of expansion which led, in 1956, to the completion of a new building costing two hundred fifty thousand dollars. This houses the new retail store, general offices, and warehouse; and with its spacious fifty thousand square feet of floor space, its ample parking area, and its private railroad siding, it compares favorably with any such plant of its kind anywhere. Besides Mr. Moreland and Mr. Beach, the management roster of the corporation contains the names of John R. Herrick, vice president, and Mary L. Butler, secretary.

Through his firm, Mr. Beach holds membership in the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and serves on its agricultural committee. A member of the Southern Seedsmen's Association, he serves on its executive committee; and in 1950 he served as president of the Virginia Seedsmen's Association. He is a member of the American Seed Trade Association.

Since 1922 Mr. Beach has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk. He is a member of the Lafayette Yacht Club, and for recreation he enjoys gardening and floriculture, his hobbies confirming his genuine interest in the seeds, bulbs, and growing things which have been the focus of attention in his business career.

A communicant of the Knox Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, Mr. Beach has long been one of its devoted workers. Since 1935 he has served as an elder, and he was formerly superintendent of the Sunday school. He is now vice moderator of the church. He is also president of the Presbyterian League of the Norfolk Presbytery, Inc., and he serves on the committee of the Norfolk Presbytery Home Mission.

On October 14, 1914, in Norfolk, Frank Whit-

field Beach married Sarah Catherine Feuerstein of that city, daughter of Louis and Sarah Catherine (Riggin) Feuerstein. Like her husband, Mrs. Beach is very active in the program of the Knox Presbyterian Church. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Dorothy Lois, who was born on May 30, 1916. She married Grayson Vaden and their two children are Catherine Lee and Robert Grayson Vaden. 2. Frank Whitfield, Jr., born on January 7, 1921. He is a career officer in the United States Air Force, and is stationed at Barksdale Field in Louisiana. He is a veteran of both World War II, during which he was in the European theater, and the Korean War. 3. Robert Randolph, born on August 2, 1923. He is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, holds the degree of Master of Arts, and is now associated with George Tait and Sons, Inc. Robert R. Beach married Elizabeth Beil of Norfolk, and they are the parents of three sons: i. Robert Randolph, Jr. ii. John Richard. iii. James. Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Beach make their home at 9319 Inlet Road, Norfolk.

VERNON ASBURY BROOKS, M.D.—In a career of exceptional achievement, Dr. Vernon Asbury Brooks of Portsmouth occupied a place of eminence as a physician for fifty years, yet found time for much constructive work as community builder and public official. He served as mayor; and his sponsorship of the Elizabeth River Tunnel plan identified him as a man of progressive vision. He was born on July 31, 1882, in Mathews County, son of George Gamaliel and Evelyn Marshall (Brownley) Brooks. His mother, now approaching the century mark in years, still resides in Portsmouth. Dr. Brooks was descended from colonial ancestors who settled in Mathews County. His father had been a resident of Portsmouth most of his life, and died in 1936. He was a son of James D. and Lucy (Lilly) Brooks of Mathews County. Evelyn M. Brownley, whom he married, was a daughter of Jefferson Lafayette and Keturah Ann (Forrest) Brownley, of the same county. Jefferson L. Brownley served as a soldier in the Confederate States Army, and after the war became a master ship's carpenter under Commodore Maury of Confederate fame. Miss Forrest, whom he married, was a daughter of John Forrest, a farmer and veteran of the War of 1812, and of Elizabeth (Knight) Forrest.

Dr. Brooks was a small child when his parents moved to Portsmouth in the early 1890s. He received his early education there, and graduated from the old Portsmouth High School. Attracted to a career in medicine, he first studied pharmacy,



Vernon A. Brooks.

and received two diplomas as Graduate in Pharmacy before completing his medical courses. At the Medical College of Virginia, he graduated with honors when he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1904. In 1907, following his internship at Richmond, he began his private practice of general medicine in Portsmouth, where he remained as a leader in his profession for half a century. At the outset of his practice, the town numbered about twelve thousand population, and the condition of transportation was such that a ride to Westhaven was a considerable undertaking. Throughout his career, Dr. Brooks had an extensive practice of general medicine, attracted by his remarkable qualities as a family physician. Love, pride and zeal marked his attitude toward his calling, and he ranked among the foremost diagnosticians. In several branches of medicine he could easily have qualified as a specialist, but he preferred general practice, which he felt enabled him to better serve humanity. He drew his practice from all ranks and classes, and performed much charitable work without prospect of remuneration. In his long years of practice, he never sent a bill to a patient, and no thought of comfort or convenience ever caused him to ignore a call from the sick. For many years he was associated in joint practice with Dr. Joseph D. Collins, dean of Portsmouth surgeons, who had been his classmate at the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Brooks served as examining physician for many years for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in Portsmouth.

Dr. Brooks was a member and past president of the staff of King's Daughters' Hospital, and a member of the Norfolk County Medical Society. For many years he served as surgeon for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. For services rendered as a medical examiner for the selective service boards in World War I, he was commended by the Assistant Secretary of War. From 1912 he served for a number of years as public health officer of Portsmouth.

While maintaining his position as one of the city's most respected physicians, Dr. Brooks was long a political and civic leader of Portsmouth, and a powerful and colorful one. He was first elected to the city council in 1920. He resumed that office in 1928 and served continuously until 1938. He was elected by the city council to two terms as mayor, one beginning in 1928 and the second in 1934. His tenure was marked by notable improvement in long-range planning and extension of all facilities in keeping with the phenomenal growth of Portsmouth. For a number of years he served as chairman of the joint Norfolk County-Portsmouth Ferry Committee. Perhaps his greatest public service was

the leading part he played in bringing about the construction of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bridge-Tunnel. In 1928, when he became mayor, he joined the late Major Seth Heath Tyler in sponsoring a bill before the General Assembly to build a combination bridge and tunnel between Norfolk and Portsmouth. The bill passed and prospects seemed so bright for the projects that the "Virginia Pilot" in that year published an editorial titled "Is a Ferry Boat Necessary?" The original plan failed, however, partly because the two cities and Norfolk County couldn't agree on remuneration for the loss of ferry profits, and partly because of the depression, which began shortly after the plan was advanced. In 1948, Dr. Brooks made an appeal which, had it been heeded, might have made the transition from ferry to tunnel service less costly. He urged Portsmouth to support the project to create the Elizabeth River Bridge-Tunnel at a time when the Tunnel Commission had requested Norfolk County and Portsmouth officials to negotiate for the sale of ferries. The plea went unheeded. Although Dr. Brooks fought valiantly for Portsmouth's interests as a member of the Tunnel Commission, he was unable to overcome the effects of the city government's failure to negotiate at the opportune time. But he lived to see the tube between the two cities become a reality, and when the Elizabeth River Tunnel Commission was authorized by the State Legislature, he was immediately named to membership and served until his death. His progressive attitude toward public works was thus set forth by columnist Pete Glazer:

It is Dr. Brooks' belief that America's unemployment problem, such as it is, would be solved for a hundred years by a massive program of road and bridge building. He says the bridges of America are generally in terrible shape, and the roads were built for horse and buggy era.

In 1938, Dr. Brooks was voted out of public office in a political upheaval which re-established the ward system in Portsmouth. He favored the "at-large" system of electing the city council, to which Portsmouth returned in 1956, and he thus received posthumous vindication of his views. He left a magnificent record of public service to challenge and inspire those who follow him. Few others have ever devoted the time and energy to the city's progress that Dr. Brooks did. It has become a well-recognized fact that he was often ahead of his time, and he has also received his due as a far-seeing, versatile and energetic leader.

Besides his status as physician and public servant, Dr. Brooks was a successful businessman. He served on the board of directors of the American National Bank and the Citizens Trust Company, and was extensively engaged in real estate oper-

ations. A man of remarkable vitality, he possessed an exceptional intellect. He was an eloquent public speaker and a master of humor. Fond of all sports, he was especially partial to volleyball, which he played with a group of "regulars" until age took away this form of exercise. He enjoyed attending baseball, football and basketball games, and prize fights. His hobby was antiques, and he was known as an expert collector.

A charter member of the Portsmouth Kiwanis Club, Dr. Brooks had served as its president. He was also a member of Lodge No. 82, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and attended the Monumental Methodist Church, serving on its board of stewards.

On January 31, 1920, in Portsmouth, Dr. Vernon Asbury Brooks married Miss Lillian Griffin of that city, who created for him a charming and hospitable home, and shared his life's work and interests. Mrs. Brooks is a daughter of the late William A. and Agnes (Ingles) Griffin. A capable businesswoman in her own right, Mrs. Brooks is vice president of Southern Candy Company, Inc., of Portsmouth. She is active in religious and civic affairs. A member of the Monumental Methodist Church, she was president of its Women's Society of Christian Service in 1956. She is past president of the Women's Club of Portsmouth; past president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Portsmouth General Hospital; and a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Norfolk County Medical Society. Dr. and Mrs. Brooks became the parents of two children: 1. Vernon Asbury, Jr., born January 27, 1922. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1942 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agronomy, and then entered the armed forces for wartime service. While serving as first lieutenant in the Artillery Corps, he was killed in action on Bougainville in the Solomon Islands, on March 10, 1944. 2. Lillian Ann, born August 31, 1932. She attended the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, and married James Watson Hall of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hall is a graduate of the College of William and Mary, with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics. This couple reside in Portsmouth, where Mr. Hall is president and manager of the Southern Candy Company. They are the parents of two children: Ann Griffin and Brooks Watson Hall.

He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Olive Dorin and Miss Evelyn B. Brooks.

Dr. Brooks' death occurred on October 18, 1955. He had lived a full, active and constructive life, and his contributions to the city of Portsmouth will be remembered. He possessed a happy faculty of friendliness, and a deep devotion to his family. Commenting on his place in the life of the city, a

local newspaper carried this appraisal in its editorial columns:

Dr. Vernon A. Brooks . . . possessed remarkable vitality and was truly a man of parts. He could talk about antique furniture and baseball with equal ease and authority. He was informed on almost any subject. He enjoyed a wide general practice of medicine and at the same time knew when and where to make a wise business investment. Overlaying all these personal interests was a concern for public affairs which associated Dr. Brooks with virtually every event of political and community importance for three decades . . . Not many men are as far-seeing, as versatile, and as energetic as Dr. Brooks was. Portsmouth won't be quite the same without him.

JUDGE WILLIAM WADSWORTH DEY—

Citizens of Norfolk will remember William Wadsworth Dey as the first judge of the city's Juvenile Court. He first took the bench in 1919, presiding over the Domestic Relations Court as well. At a time when such judicial units had been but little explored in the country at large, Judge Dey helped rewrite the laws dealing with children. He was prominent in law practice and a constructive worker in civic and church affairs.

Born at Norfolk on August 9, 1882, he was a son of the late Wadsworth and Josephine (Whitehurst) Dey. He attended the public schools of Norfolk and prepared for his career in the law at the University of Virginia. He later took summer school courses at that university. Admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia, he began his practice in Norfolk, and that city was the scene of his professional career for over forty years. He retired in December 1952, a few months before his death.

When in 1919 he was chosen judge of Norfolk's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, William W. Dey became the first man to fill that post. He served on its bench for six years and made an important contribution to the life of the city, establishing the precedents on which this court was to continue its successful record of service to the people. Concerning this phase of his career, an editorial writer in a local newspaper commented:

With another of the pioneers in this field, Judge James Hoge Ricks, of Richmond, Judge Dey rewrote the Virginia statutes relating to the conduct of children's cases in the courts of the state. He manifested an intense interest in the problems of juveniles, and in the opportunities in this field for enlightened counseling. His conduct of the court attracted national attention, and made its contribution to the development of the idea of separate courts for the consideration of juvenile problems throughout the country . . . He will have an important place in the record for his able service as the first head of the Juvenile Court, and for the impetus he gave to the work of that court for the future . . .

In 1925 Judge Dey was succeeded by Herbert G. Cochran and returned to private practice, in



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which he continued for twenty-seven more years. He was active in the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association and other bar groups. He won his place of eminence in the legal profession through schooling himself in every detail of law, being a man of studious nature. He was well informed in nearly every topic of general interest and was an avid reader, particularly of news magazines. Although he never sought public office, he was deeply interested in politics and was a man of considerable influence in the public affairs of his community. He was active in the work of the Church of the Good Shepherd, which he served for many years as a member of the vestry and as chief usher.

Judge Dey's hobby interest was dogs, and he had a fine kennel of Great Danes. This was an interest which Mrs. Dey shared. They made their home at 1045 North Shore Road. Built in 1921, this is one of the most attractive residences of Tidewater Virginia.

The couple were married on October 18, 1911, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Dey, who survives her husband, is the former Miss Marie Kensett Whiting. She was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, daughter of the late Frank Hitchcock and Frances (Kensett) Whiting. Her father was likewise a native of Bridgeport, while her mother was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Both are deceased. Mrs. Dey received her education at Miss Hill's School in Philadelphia and since her marriage has resided in Norfolk. The couple became the parents of three children: 1. William Wadsworth, Jr., born November 15, 1915; died April 21, 1928. 2. Frances Kensett, born October 15, 1917; she is now with Capital Air Lines at Norfolk. 3. Armistead Wheeler, born August 26, 1924. Following his graduation from Maury High School, he served in World War II, in the United States Navy. Graduating from the University of Virginia in 1950, he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He is now with the National Bank of Commerce at Norfolk. On June 26, 1948, Armistead Wheeler Dey married Marjorie Batty of Baltimore, Maryland. She is a graduate of Mary Washington College at Fredericksburg, Virginia, which conferred on her the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1948. The couple are the parents of three children: i. William Wadsworth, 3rd, who was born on August 20, 1952. ii. Armistead Wheeler, Jr., born December 11, 1954. iii. Joseph Bolling, born February 17, 1957.

Judge Dey's death occurred at Norfolk on September 24, 1953.

SAMUEL HARRISS PLUMMER, until his recent death, was chairman of the board of The First National Bank of Newport News. He has

the distinction of having been connected with that institution for more than sixty years.

Born in Vance County, North Carolina, on October 10, 1874, he was a son of Henry Falkener and Lucy (Henderson) Plummer. He went to Newport News as a youth. It was on October 10, 1892, his eighteenth birthday, when he was just out of secondary school, that he procured a position as runner for the bank of which he later became the head. Subsequently he worked in every department of the bank and filled every post, advancing in due course to the position of cashier and, in 1936, to the presidency, and later to chairman of the board. During the period of his service the bank's resources increased from two hundred thousand dollars to over forty million dollars.

Mr. Plummer at one time served as president of the Virginia Bankers Association, and was a member of the executive council of the American Bankers Association. At the time of his death he was president and director of The Mutual Home and Savings Association of Newport News. He served on the board of directors of the James River Bridge System until it was disposed of to the state a few years ago. He was a director of the Newport News Theatre Corporation, and served for twenty-six years on the Water Works Commission of the City of Newport News, and several years as chairman of this Commission.

He was chairman of the Newport News-Warwick County Bond Committee during the period of World War II, and past president of the Newport News-Warwick County Community Chest. He was active too in the work of many civic organizations. He served as vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Newport News for twenty-five years. He was a charter member and director of the James River Country Club.

On April 22, 1908 Samuel Harriss Plummer married Beatrice Daughtrey, daughter of William Lamb and Beatrice Josephine (Hines) Daughtrey. They became the parents of daughter, Beatrice Glass, who is now Mrs. William S. Stradford of Newport News.

LEWIS CLIFTON WARREN—In Portsmouth the name of Lewis Clifton Warren has long been identified as that of a capable and devoted law-enforcement officer. A member of the city's police department since 1927, he has held every post from patrolman to chief. He has served as chief of the Portsmouth police force since his appointment by city manager I. G. Vass on January 1, 1950. His organization has become recognized as one of the most efficient in the nation. Besides his police duties, Mr. Warren has won considerable acclaim through his work with youth.

Born September 14, 1905, in Portsmouth, he is the oldest of six children born to Clifton Earl and Lenora (Calvert) Warren of that city. His father, now retired, was for many years employed by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad as foreman of the pipe and tin shop at Portsmouth. Active in public affairs, he served as a member of the city council for twenty years. He was a son of Cary Warren, a veteran of service with the Confederate States Army, who had served with the Grimes Battery of Portsmouth. Chief Warren's maternal grandfather, Lewis Cass Calvert, became a member of the Portsmouth Police Department on February 7, 1884, and served many years until his death, being affectionately known in the force as its "Grand Old Man."

Named for this grandfather and attracted to the same career as he, Chief Lewis C. Warren received his education in the public schools of Portsmouth. He began his career as an apprentice machinist with the old Dominion Marine Railway. After four years with that organization, he entered the employ of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, which his father also served. The younger man took a position as machinist with the railway, but after one year in that position, he left to become a machinist at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

On January 19, 1927, he began his long connection with the Portsmouth Police Department. A rather full review of his accomplishments as a law-enforcement officer was given when, in 1952, Portsmouth Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose cited Mr. Warren for the annual First Citizen Award. We quote this citation for its clear statement of this phase of his career:

... He has served the City of Portsmouth as a member of the Police Department for twenty-five years, working his way up from patrolman to his present position as Chief of Police. Under his leadership as chief, the Department has grown both in number of personnel and in efficiency, adding a Youth Bureau and an around-the-clock Detective Bureau, as well as enlarging the Record Bureau. His has been a kind and thoughtful yet positive administration. He has never shirked his duty to the people of Portsmouth in spite of possible political or physical injury. His men have never been directed to undertake any mission that he himself would not participate in personally, many times being the first man to enter places of extreme danger. For many years he has devoted every possible minute of his time for the betterment of younger people, exemplifying this spirit by personally coaching, managing and directing various athletic and social activities of the younger generation. In addition, he has encouraged other members of the Police Department to participate and assist in the furtherance of such programs for the development of our future citizens. He has gained nationwide acclaim as one of the best police chiefs in the country as attested by the praise received from state and national law enforcement agencies for his splendid cooperation in assisting them in the administration of law and order. He has likewise been accorded special recognition by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The extremely low crime rate in Portsmouth is a testimonial to the very efficient manner in which the local Police Depart-

ment operates under his able leadership. It is also noted that Portsmouth was among the first cities to inaugurate women policemen for school traffic duty.

His work with youth is given passing reference in this statement, but it has long been a major interest, and he regards it as an important phase in the work of assuring law-abiding citizens in future years. He has coached the American Legion basketball team for the past six years, leading them to victory in three of five district contests and to receipt of the Citation Award in 1952. As manager of the Moose softball team, he has brought two championships to the local lodge. In 1950 he received the Civic Award from the local lodge of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His leadership in the field of competitive athletics resulted in his selection as Sportsman of the Year in 1948.

Mr. Warren has served as president of the Police Association of Virginia, having been elected to that office in 1952, and in the same year he became president of Portsmouth Local No. 442 of that organization. Active in police organizations at the national level, he serves currently on the Model New Building Committee of the International Association of Police Chiefs. He is a member of the executive committee of the Virginia Association of Police Chiefs.

In the course of his advancement to police chief, Lewis C. Warren served in the Traffic Bureau as sergeant from February 1, 1933, to January 1, 1937, then as captain until January 1, 1945, when he was promoted to inspector. He was appointed chief of police on January 1, 1950. In his own area he belongs to the Tidewater Police Association and served as its president in 1953. He is also a member and past president of Portsmouth Police Local No. 442 and a member of the Portsmouth-Norfolk Police and Fire Square Club.

Chief Warren serves on the board of directors of the Beazley Foundation. He is a member and director of the Municipal Executives Club of Portsmouth, a member of the Lions Club, and a member of the Portsmouth Sports Club, which he served as president in 1954-1955. He is an honorary life member of Post No. 37 of the American Legion at Portsmouth and a life member of Lodge No. 808, Loyal Order of Moose. He also has fraternal affiliations with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Lodge No. 558, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a member of America Lodge No. 330, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and also Midday Lodge Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons; Portsmouth Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a communicant of the Fourth Street Baptist Church and a member of the Men's



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Bible Class at the Young Men's Christian Association.

On November 23, 1928, at Portsmouth, Chief Lewis Clifton Warren married Margaret Grimes, daughter of Joseph L. and Betty (Hartung) Grimes. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Clifton Lanier, born March 31, 1932. A graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in the Class of 1949, he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Richmond in 1952 and two years later took his Master of Arts degree at the same institution, having majored in history and English. He was awarded a fellowship in these subjects and is a member of Phi Alpha Theta national honorary fraternity. After teaching English for one year at Great Bridge High School, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was sent to Officers' Candidate School at Quantico. There he was seriously injured in an automobile accident. He has recovered, has been honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, and is now completing work toward his degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Indiana, studying comparative literature. 2. Betty Lewis, born September 27, 1935. She attended Westhampton College of the University of Richmond, where she majored in speech and political science and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1957. She is very active in dramatics and a member of the debating team. The Warren home is at 2125 Lincoln Street, Portsmouth.

JAMES JUSTIN JOYCE—As one of the organizers of the Reliance Fertilizer and Lime Corporation of Norfolk, and currently its president and treasurer, James Justin Joyce has played an important role in the industrial affairs of the city. His organization has its sales offices and factory on Barnes Road, South Norfolk, and is both manufacturer and distributor of fertilizers, fertilizer materials and limes. The firm had its beginnings in December 1933, when the late Walter B. Mann and his associates acquired the plant and site of A. S. Lee Sons and Company, which had been established in Norfolk in 1917. This firm had been founded by Arthur S. Lee of Richmond, and it specialized in the processing of oyster shells for agricultural purposes. The present corporation still applies the Lee name to its limes. In January 1934, Reliance Fertilizer and Lime Corporation began operations, and has been prospering, growing and increasing its volume of trade since that time. As manufacturers of quality fertilizers, fertilizer materials, and Lee's limes for agricultural purposes, the production and sale of its products has more than tripled since its founding. The modern plant facilities, which have undergone expansion several times, now have a capacity

of twenty-five thousand tons of fertilizer, and fifteen thousand tons of Lee's limes. In its overall operations the firm has about fifty employees on its payroll. The manufactured products have a wide distribution throughout Virginia and North Carolina and are shipped by rail and trucks to dealers and agents in the territory it serves. Reliance Fertilizer and Lime Corporation is staffed with experts in each field that it serves.

Walter B. Mann continued as directing head of the company until his death in March 1947. James Justin Joyce succeeded him in office and is now president. C. Guy Lawrence of Berkley served as vice president until his death in July 1956, and R. Scott Hill of Courtland, who came with the firm in 1949, was vice president and sales manager at the time of his death in July 1956. The present officers of the corporation are: James Justin Joyce, president and treasurer; Earl I. Greene of Churchland, vice president; and Mrs. Marguerite Joyce Mann of South Norfolk, vice president.

Mr. Joyce was born January 30, 1903, in Nashville, Tennessee, son of the late Joseph Francis and Mary Ellen (Flanary) Joyce. His father, a native of Pennsylvania, was a railroad man, and died in Nashville. Mrs. Joyce survives her husband and now resides at 541 Spotswood Avenue, Norfolk. The couple became the parents of two children: 1. Marguerite, who married Walter B. Mann, co-founder and first president of Reliance Fertilizer and Lime Corporation. 2. James Justin, of whom further.

Passing his boyhood years in Nashville, Mr. Joyce received his public school education there. In 1920 he came to Norfolk and began his career with the Empire Machinery and Supply Corporation of that city, continuing with that organization for about a year. His next employment was with Shulman and Company, Inc., well-known men's furnishings store of Norfolk. He worked in various sales departments of this store until 1929. Thereafter until 1934, Mr. Joyce was traveling sales representative in Virginia and North Carolina for the Eastern Cotton Oil Company, a subsidiary of the Davidson Chemical Company of Baltimore, Maryland.

In January 1934, Mr. Joyce, as one of the organizers of the Reliance Fertilizer and Lime Corporation, of South Norfolk, began his long association with the management of this firm. He was at first vice president, and traveled in the Virginia and North Carolina territory in sales promotion work. In the succeeding years he became active in all phases of the firm's expanding operations. He has served as president and treasurer of the firm since March 1947.

Mr. Joyce is a member of the National Plant Food Institute, and he serves on the board of

directors of the Plant Food Institute of North Carolina and Virginia, Inc. Through his firm he is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and the United States Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the board of directors of Merchants and Planters Bank of Norfolk, and is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. He is a communicant of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Norfolk.

On October 24, 1931, in South Norfolk, James Justin Joyce married Eugenia Herbert Portlock, daughter of the late Franklin L. and Marion Hunter (West) Portlock. Her father, a farmer and agriculture agent of Norfolk County, died in 1932. Mrs. Joyce is descended from early settlers in Norfolk County. They gave their name to the community of Portlock, which has now been incorporated into the city of South Norfolk. Mrs. Joyce attended Hollins College and the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg. Prior to her marriage she taught in the South Norfolk High School. She is a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Norfolk and the Edgewater Garden Club. Mr. and Mrs. Joyce are the parents of three children: 1. Mary Neale, born August 16, 1933. She is a graduate of Hollins College, where she took her degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1955. She is now engaged in educational work with the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. 2. Eugenia Portlock, born January 15, 1939. 3. Marion Hunter, born November 5, 1944. The Joyce family home is 5332 Studley Avenue, Edgewater.

AUSTIN TAYLOR DARDEN—After a number of years in other executive posts with the Suffolk Insurance Corporation of Suffolk, Virginia, Austin Taylor Darden was elevated to the presidency of the firm about a decade ago. He is also a building and loan official, and takes a lively interest in community and organizational affairs.

A native of Suffolk, he was born on June 15, 1905, son of William Herbert and Janet (Withers) Darden. His father, who was born in Isle of Wight County on April 22, 1876, devoted his career to merchandising, engaging in the retail grocery business at Suffolk. He is now retired, and survives his wife, the former Janet Withers. She was a native of Suffolk.

After attending the public schools of Suffolk and graduating from high school there in 1921, A. Taylor Darden entered the College of William and Mary, where he was a student for two years. He began his career with the National Bank of Suffolk, and remained on its staff for three years. In 1927 he joined the Suffolk Insurance Corporation. His advancement within the organization was rapid,

and he became secretary and treasurer in 1928, serving in those executive posts until 1948, when he was promoted to the presidency. He has also been a member of the board of directors for some years. The company, which is engaged in the general insurance business, was founded in 1923. Its office is located at 165 North Main Street.

Mr. Darden is also branch manager of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Norfolk. He is a Democrat in his politics, and a communicant of the Episcopal Church, where he has served on the vestry. Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he is a member of Hiram Lodge No. 340; the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons; the Commandery of the Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Norfolk. He is a member of Princess Anne Country Club at Virginia Beach, and former president of the Suffolk Lions Club.

On November 1, 1930, in Suffolk, Austin Taylor Darden married Frances Birdsong of that city, born February 25, 1905, daughter of T. H., Sr., and Martha (McLemore) Birdsong, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Darden have two children: 1. Nancy Lewis, born March 18, 1934. 2. Austin T., Jr., born May 27, 1936.

HENRY MacRAE PINNER—A farmer in the Suffolk area from the early years of his career, Henry MacRae Pinner has combined a variety of other occupational activities with his agricultural pursuits. He has been the owner of a hatchery, a merchant and a lumber manufacturer. He has also taken a lively interest in civic affairs and organizational activities.

He is a native of Suffolk, and was born on May 14, 1889, son of Millard Fillmore and Mary (MacRae) Pinner. Beginning his education in local private schools, he completed his studies at Bingham School in Asheville, North Carolina, where he graduated in 1910. Mr. Pinner then turned his attention to farming. This has been a major occupational interest.

Active in the Suffolk Rotary Club, Mr. Pinner formerly served as its president. He is a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

In Baltimore, Maryland, on August 30, 1917, Henry MacRae Pinner married Lucy Ellen Woodland, daughter of Samuel Houston and Ellen Ridgely (Burneston) Woodland. The couple are the parents of one daughter, Nellie Woodland Pinner, who was born on July 7, 1918. She is now the wife of Dr. Lee G. Sannella.

SAMUEL I. WHITE—Practicing law at Norfolk for the past eight years, Samuel I. White is a partner in the firm of Russo and White, which

has its offices in the Board of Trade Building on East Plume Street. He completed his law training after his return from military service in World War II.

A native of South Boston, Virginia, he was born on December 21, 1921, son of Abe L. and Edith L. (Schulman) White. Both parents were born in Vilna, Russia. Abe L. White, who came to this country in 1907, is a merchant who has operated a store in South Boston since that time. He was born about 1882. Mrs. White died in 1930 at the age of fifty.

After receiving his early education in South Boston's public schools and graduating from high school there in 1938, Samuel I. White remained at home, engaged in various occupations, until he entered the army in 1942. He served in the European Theater and received his honorable discharge on October 5, 1945. On returning home he entered Washington and Lee University, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1950. Admitted to the bar of his state, he started practice at Norfolk on March 1 of that year. His partnership with Philip L. Russo (q.v.) was formed in 1954. As a lawyer, Mr. White belongs to the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia State Bar Association, and American Bar Association.

Of Jewish faith, Mr. White is a member of the congregation of Temple Israel and serves on its board of directors. He is a member and past president of B'nai B'rith, and is a member of John Walters Chapter No. 68 of the Royal Arch Masons, as well as Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of Phi Epsilon Pi social fraternity and Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. In his politics, he is a Democrat. Mr. White is fond of the out-of-doors and his favorite sport is fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel I. White make their home at 6424 Garland Circle, Norfolk. She is the former Harriet Shukow of New York City, daughter of Irving and Gertrude Shukow. Both of her parents are natives of New York State. Her father was formerly in the jewelry business in New York City and now operates a laundry there. It was in New York City that Mr. and Mrs. White were married on January 20, 1952. They are the parents of two children: 1. Eric David, who was born on May 9, 1953. 2. Phyllis Marline, born November 25, 1955.

PHILIP L. RUSSO—Member of the firm of Russo and White, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, with offices in the Board of Trade Building in Norfolk, Philip L. Russo is a veteran of World

War II, who participated in the European campaign.

Born in Norfolk on May 19, 1922, he is a son of Augustine Joseph and Josephine (Rossano) Russo. His father, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, was a civil engineer, working at the Norfolk Navy Yard for many years. He subsequently retired from that work and became an agent for the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, continuing in that work until his death, which took place on November 9, 1955, at the age of sixty-two. Mrs. Russo survives her husband and resides in Norfolk. She is a native of that city.

It was there that Philip L. Russo was reared and received his public school education, graduating from Maury High School in June of 1941. He then entered William and Mary College, Norfolk Division, studied there for one year, then transferred to the University of Notre Dame. Before he had completed his courses there, he entered the service of the United States Army in June 1943. Serving in Europe as a machine gunner with the Ninety-fourth Division, he became a sergeant, and was awarded four battle stars for his participation in major campaigns. He was with General Patton's army at the time it ran into the last stiff Nazi resistance, known as the Battle of the Bulge.

Receiving his honorable discharge from the army in January 1946, Mr. Russo resumed his education. He completed requirements for both his Bachelor of Arts and his Bachelor of Laws degrees at the University of Notre Dame, where he graduated in June 1949.

Admitted to the bar of his native state, Mr. Russo began practice in Norfolk in 1950. A short time later he left for Washington, D.C., where he served as attorney with the Federal Trade Commission for one year. He then returned to Norfolk, and in January 1954, formed his partnership with Samuel I. White, whose biographical sketch accompanies.

Mr. Russo is a member of the Virginia State Bar and Virginia State Bar Association, and the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association. He is president of Roma Lodge, an Italian-American organization, has served as advocate of the Knights of Columbus, and is secretary of the Ryan Club and also a member of the Kiwanis Club. He is of Roman Catholic faith, and is a Democrat in his politics. He takes a vital interest in all kinds of sports.

On October 6, 1951, Philip L. Russo married Mary Caligari, daughter of Eugene and Cecilia (Sansone) Caligari. Her father, a native of Italy, came to this country as a boy of twelve, and became one of the largest painting and decorating contractors in the South. His father, who brought

the family to this country, followed the same trade in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Cecilia (San-sone) Caligari was born in Norfolk. Mrs. Russo is active in the Junior Women's Club and the Soroptimist Club. She is trained as an interior decorator and works part-time with her father. Mr. and Mrs. Russo make their home at 8107 Wedgewood Drive. They are the parents of three children: 1. Mary C., born July 2, 1953. 2. Lee Ann, born October 9, 1955. 3. Philip Lee, Jr., born March 20, 1958.

PAUL KOTARIDES—As producer of the popular Mary Jane Bread and its companion products, the Kotarides Baking Company, Inc., of Norfolk, has become a well-known Tidewater industry. It was founded in 1913 by Alexander Paul Kotarides, and has grown continuously from small beginnings until today, under the presidency of his son, Paul Kotarides, it is one of the largest independently owned baking concerns in Virginia.

Its founder was a native of Tripolis which is a suburb of Athens, Greece. Having learned the baker's trade in his native land, and seeking better career opportunities, he came to America in 1906, and settled in Norfolk. Only seven years later he established his own business. The Kotarides Baking Company was first located at 439 Church Street. With ten employees in his organization, he catered to the restaurant trade during the company's early years. Deliveries were made by horse and wagon, which became a familiar sight on the streets of the city. When a dozen years of successful business had carried Mr. Kotarides well into the era of automotive deliveries, he decided, for reasons of health, to return to his native land. There he remained from 1925 until his death in 1955. Before leaving, to perpetuate the business which he had founded and effectively guided, he had established a partnership with his son Paul, and with Paul Yeonas. His son, who had grown up in the business, took charge of sales promotion on his father's departure, while Mr. Yeonas was responsible for baking operations. The Kotarides Baking Company continued on a partnership basis until February 25, 1935, when it was incorporated, with Paul Kotarides as president and Mr. Yeonas as secretary and treasurer.

The company has kept pace with the times, employing the latest type of bread-making and baking facilities in its operations. Its steadily expanding volume of business is the natural outcome of progressive policies. In enlarging its operations beyond the restaurant trade to include wholesale outlets and distribution to groceries, the company in 1939 acquired its present location at Sixteenth and Granby streets, extending to Monticello Ave-

nue. Its products are distributed over a wide area which includes Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Suffolk, Newport News, and extends as far as Williamsburg, taking in most communities in Norfolk and Princess Anne counties. While its most famous product is Mary Jane Bread, it also places on the market a full line of rolls and ice-box cookies. Its present productive capacity is well over a million pounds per month. Following World War II, the number of routes was increased to over fifty and the number of employees to one hundred and seventy. In addition to wholesale outlets, restaurants, and grocery stores, the company serves army and navy installations under government contract. The present officers of the Kotarides Baking Company, Inc., are Paul Kotarides, president, Paul Yeonas, secretary and treasurer, Alex P. Kotarides, vice president and general manager, and George Paul Kotarides, who is assistant manager in charge of sales.

Paul Kotarides was born February 22, 1899, and like his father, is a native of Tripolis, near Athens, Greece. He accompanied his father to the United States and to Norfolk in 1906, received his education in the public schools there, and served his apprenticeship in the baker's trade under his father. In 1925, when the elder man returned to his native land, he joined Mr. Yeonas as a partner in the management of the company, as noted above. Over the years, his sound judgment, vision and acumen have been constructive influences in the success of the business. Through his own efforts, he has achieved a respected position in the business and civic life of Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia.

He is a member of the American Bakers Association, the Virginia Bakers Council and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. Apart from his trade connections, he holds membership in the Cavalier Golf Club, and he is a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the higher bodies of the order and of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. His favorite sports are golf and hunting. He and his family attend the Greek Orthodox Church.

Mrs. Kotarides is the former Miss Areta Balasco of Tarpon Springs, Florida, whom Paul Kotarides married in 1919. She was born in Tarpon Springs on December 25, 1901. The couple are the parents of four children: 1. Alexander Paul, born April 27, 1920, in Norfolk. He graduated from Maury High School in 1938, and from the American Institute of Baking in Chicago in 1941. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the United States Navy as a baker assigned to the U.S.S. "Sarita"



Paul Kosterides

in the Pacific, after serving at the Central Food Processing Plant for the armed forces. In his spare time during his student years he became acquainted with operations at Kotarides Baking Company, and following his naval service, entered the firm on a full-time basis. He is now vice president and general manager. Alex Kotarides, as he is best known, is a member of the American Bakers Association, and also a member of the Virginia Bakers Council which he served as vice president in the 1956-1957 term. He is a member of the American Society of Bakery Engineers, the Izaak Walton League, the American-Hellenic Educational and Protective Association, and the Greek Orthodox Church. Fond of hunting and fishing, he has become owner of the Gull Island Hunting Club, an excellent hunting and fishing preserve of one hundred acres on Pamlico Sound in North Carolina. On June 30, 1949, in Lincoln, Nebraska, Alex Kotarides married Helen Christopoulos, daughter of Angelos Chris and Patricia (Isaguris) Christopoulos. Her father is engaged in the real estate business at Lincoln, and both of her parents were born in Tripolis, Greece, as was Mr. Kotarides' father. Mrs. Alex Kotarides is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, from which she received her degree of Bachelor of Science in 1940. Prior to her marriage she taught in the Granby Elementary School in Norfolk. She is a member of the Lakewood Garden Club, the King's Daughter of Norfolk, the Hellenic Women's Club, and the Greek Orthodox Church. The couple have two children: i. Sandra, born April 8, 1950. ii. Paul Alexander, born September 3, 1955. 2. Christopher Paul, born on May 1, 1922. He graduated from Maury High School in 1940, and served five years in the United States Navy, being assigned to a destroyer tender force in the Pacific. After the war he attended the University of Miami, where he majored in business administration. After a time in the employ of the Tidewater Construction Corporation, in 1954 he entered the Kotarides Baking Company. After learning the various phases of the business, he assumed the duties of office manager. Christopher P. Kotarides married Doris Davis of Mathews County, Virginia. 3. George Paul, born October 24, 1923. He graduated from Granby High School in 1941. He was physically disqualified for military service in World War II, but aided the war effort by working as a first-class shipfitter in the welding department of the Norfolk Shipyard. He joined the Kotarides Baking Company after the war, and is now assistant manager in charge of sales. He is a member of the American Bakers Association, the Virginia Bakers Council, and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. A Mason, he is a member of the

Auld Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and Khedive Temple. He is also a member of the American-Hellenic Educational and Protective Association, Norfolk Sports Club, and the Izaak Walton League. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, golf, and landscape painting. George P. Kotarides attends the Greek Orthodox Church. He is unmarried. 4. Helen, born November 14, 1928. She is a graduate of Maury High School and attended the University of Chicago. She married Andrew Anninos of Norfolk, a career officer in the United States Air Force, and they are the parents of two children: i. Paul Jay, born October 5, 1954. ii. Elaine, born February 8, 1956.

JOSEPH M. TUSING—President and manager of the Tusing Finance Company, Inc., of Portsmouth, Joseph M. Tusing brings a wide background of experience to his present position, and his civic accomplishments mark him as an outstanding citizen of his community. From his early boyhood, he was taught the fundamentals of good government by his father, the late Joseph F. Tusing of New Market. The elder man, who died in 1927, was a hardware merchant, who had served as treasurer of the town council, chairman of the Democratic Committee, and president of the Rotary Club. His wife, the former Mary C. Schweinfurt, still resides in New Market.

This couple were the parents of four boys and two girls: 1. Joseph M., of whom further. 2. Henry, a merchant in New Market. 3. Charles, a Lutheran minister at Pulaski. 4. Thomas, a physician practicing at Falls Church. The two daughters are married and live in Washington, D. C.

Born in the historic town of New Market on October 19, 1907, Joseph M. Tusing was reared in this Shenandoah County community. His forebears had lived in the Valley of Virginia for five generations. He worked in his father's hardware store during grammar school years and throughout high school, and graduated when he was only fifteen years of age. He then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, and graduated there with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at the age of nineteen.

Shortly after graduation, he began his business career. His father died on June 6, 1929. He entered the consumer finance business in Baltimore at a salary of ninety dollars per month, and after a year, the firm transferred him to Augusta, Georgia, where he became manager when he was only twenty-one years old. He later served as manager in Baltimore, Maryland; Augusta and Columbus, Georgia; Jacksonville and St. Petersburg, Florida; and Richmond, Virginia, before coming to Ports-

mouth early in 1935. He remained manager in that city for the New Jersey firm until 1939.

In that year, with the help of local people, Mr. Tusing organized his own firm, Tusing Finance Company, Inc., which he has successfully operated since that time. Serving the people of Portsmouth and Norfolk County, it has its office at 603 High Street in downtown Portsmouth. A large part of its business is in automobile and note loans, and it is favorably known for its friendly, courteous, and speedy service.

Out of the experience of his own career, Mr. Tusing has developed a vital interest in young men starting out in business for themselves. Long active in the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, he was elected its president in April 1954. During his presidency, the membership increased from seven hundred to over one thousand, and several new industries were encouraged to locate in Portsmouth. He is also a director on the Portsmouth Industrial Foundation and the Portsmouth Industrial Commission. He helped organize the city's Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a charter member. He was a member of the Portsmouth school board for six years, resigning in October 1956. He has taken an outstanding part in welfare and civic programs. During World War II, he was manager of the Service Sendoff Organization. He has been a member of the Tidewater Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and has served on the boards of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Portsmouth Orphanage. He was for several years president of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Virginia Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association. For a number of years he has served on the board of directors of the Portsmouth Kiwanis Club, and was its president in 1948. One of the original organizers of the Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club, he has served as president of the parent corporation since the club was opened in 1951. He performed a service of great value to his community when, at the request of labor, he arranged a meeting with congressmen in Washington in April 1954, with the purpose of keeping the Navy Yard payroll from being reduced.

Mr. Tusing's abilities in business management have been recognized in the national trade association in his business, and for the past seven years he has been a member of the board of directors of the National Consumer Finance Association, which is the parent trade association covering about eight thousand finance companies in the United States, Canada, and Hawaii. He was elected to the presidency of the Virginia Association of Small Loan Companies in 1943, and served four years.

A lifelong Democrat, Mr. Tusing has been a

member of the City Democratic Executive Committee for fifteen years, and has served as its secretary and chairman. He resigned in December 1955, to become a candidate for State Senator from Portsmouth. For five years, Mr. Tusing has been a member of the Second District Democratic Executive Committee.

He is also a devoted worker in his church, the First Lutheran of Portsmouth. He has served on the church council for about two decades, and was a member of the building committee when the present church edifice was erected in 1939. He has taken part in its fund-raising activities, and has been chairman of the finance committee.

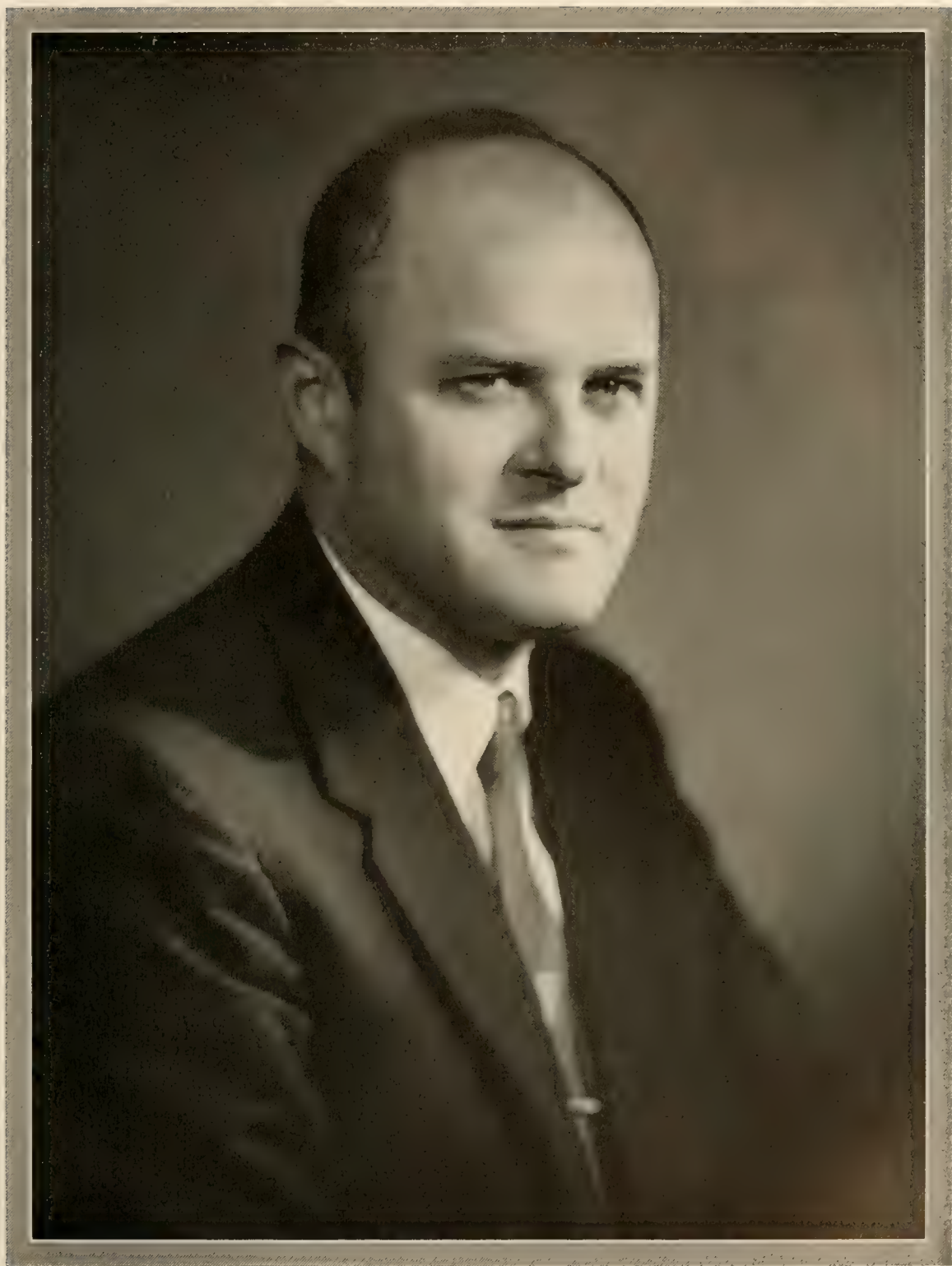
Mr. Tusing also has a military record to his credit. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve by General Douglas MacArthur in 1926, and remained in the Army Reserve until 1937.

On November 1, 1930, Joseph M. Tusing married Mary Elizabeth Richards of Claiborne, Maryland. They are the parents of one daughter, Mary Jo, who was born on January 25, 1943. She is now a student at Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth.

ROBERT FOSTER RIPLEY—A real estate and insurance executive who is a partner in his own organization which he founded at Norfolk, Robert Foster Ripley occupies a position of prominence in that city and in Tidewater Virginia. Progressive and highly successful, his name is known through his development of subdivision projects, as well as the sale of insurance. The firm of Robert F. Ripley was founded in May 1945, and has its headquarters at 6523 Tidewater Drive. Although one of the city's younger business leaders, he has already become active in its affairs, and is a former member of the city council.

Born January 22, 1917, in Mathews County, he is a son of Captain Carroll and Amye Coles (Hudgins) Ripley. The families are both of English descent, and his forebears have been influential since early days in Mathews County, where his parents continue to reside. Captain Carroll Ripley is identified with the commercial fishing industry. He is a son of Wesley S. Ripley, who was also born in Mathews County and likewise followed commercial fishing for a livelihood. Amye Coles (Hudgins) Ripley was also born in Mathews County, daughter of Coles Diggs and Charlotte (Hudgins) Hudgins. Robert F. Ripley is one of two sons born to his parents. His brother, Arnold Carroll, resides in Mathews County, and continues in the traditional family industry of commercial fishing.

In that county, Robert F. Ripley too passed



Robert Whitley

his boyhood. He attended the public schools, and was graduated from New Point High School in 1933. Coming to Norfolk in that year, he attended Norfolk Business College, and in November 1934, entered the employ of the Colonial Oil Company, with which he continued until September 1936. He resigned to further his education at the University of Richmond, where he majored in business administration for two years. At the end of that time, he resumed his business career in Norfolk, and in January 1939, entered the employ of the city of Norfolk as an office worker in the fire department, in which he continued until October 1941.

At that time, Mr. Ripley entered the insurance field. At the same time, he further prepared himself for his career by attending evening courses at the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division. In October 1941, he became an agent for the Sun Life Insurance Company of Canada, and continued until July 1942, leaving to enter the service of the United States Navy as an enlisted man. Assigned to the antisubmarine service on offshore patrol duty, he was stationed at Little Creek, Norfolk, for eighteen months, and during that time was commissioned an ensign. He was thereafter assigned to the destroyer force in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

In October 1945, Mr. Ripley was separated from active duty with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade. He now holds the rank of lieutenant in the United States Navy Inactive Reserve.

On his return to civilian life late in 1945, Mr. Ripley established his own firm, known as Robert F. Ripley, Real Estate and General Insurance, with offices at 148 Granby Street in Norfolk. On April 1, 1953, H. Singleton Garrett joined him as a partner in the firm. With headquarters now located at 6523 Tidewater Drive, the agency engages in real estate transactions in all parts of the greater Norfolk area. It arranges the sale of better residential properties, and commercial and industrial sites, and deals in rentals and property management as well as selling general insurance policies. It has also developed several fine residential subdivisions in the Norfolk area, including Pinetta on Providence Road, Norfolk County, and Edgewood Park in Kempsville.

A member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Real Estate Board, Mr. Ripley serves on its board of directors, and he is also a member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the Norfolk Association of Insurance Agents, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. For two terms, covering the years from 1952 through 1956, he served as a member of the Norfolk city council. He is a member of the board of commissioners of the Hampton

Roads Sanitation District Commission, and also belongs to the Tidewater Virginia Development Council. Formerly, Mr. Ripley served on the board of directors of the Central Young Men's Christian Association, and was active in the Norfolk Junior Chamber of Commerce, serving on its board of directors.

He is a member of the Virginia Club, and a member and past worshipful master of Atlantic Lodge No. 2, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, serving as master in 1954-1955, during the one hundredth anniversary of that lodge. He is also a member of John Walter Chapter No. 68, Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16 of the Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member and past commander of Post No. 300 of the American Legion, and also belongs to the post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a member of the Sertoma Club. As a communicant of the Talbot Park Baptist Church, Mr. Ripley takes the part of a devoted layman, serving as the teacher of a young men's Bible class. Fond of the outdoors, he enjoys boating and bird hunting, and a hobby is raising English setters.

On October 28, 1938, at Norfolk, Robert F. Ripley married Frances Rosalind James, daughter of Marcus G. and Mattie S. (Gurganus) James of that city. Her father was formerly president of Norfolk Business College. Mrs. Ripley is a graduate of Maury High School, Class of 1934, and attended the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division. Mr. and Mrs. Ripley are the parents of four children: 1. Robert Foster, Jr., who was born on February 21, 1944. 2. William James, born October 11, 1946. 3. Ronald Carroll, born March 21, 1949. 4. Francis Scott, who was born on December 4, 1951. The family's residence is at 121 Blake Road, Norfolk.

BARLOW K. McEACHERN—Norfolk's well-known Universal Products Company, distributing fine gift merchandise, household equipment, and electrical appliances, is operated as a corporation, with B. K. McEachern as president and J. B. Fishburne as vice president. These two men joined forces nearly a decade and one-half ago to build up a wholesale distributing organization which supplies retailers in Tidewater and North Carolina areas within a radius of fifty miles of Norfolk. Mr. McEachern has proved his business abilities in this connection, and he has also demonstrated his leadership in a number of civic and fraternal groups.

A native of Portsmouth, he was born on September 12, 1907, son of John White and Carrie

(Herndon) McEachern. His father was born in South Carolina and his mother, in North Carolina. John W. McEachern is now retired after many years spent in the employ of the Railway Express Company. Mrs. McEachern died in 1946 at the age of sixty-nine. Reared in Portsmouth and educated in its public schools, Barlow K. McEachern attended Woodrow Wilson High School and began his career in the employ of the government, as a clerk at the Norfolk Naval Base. He remained there for fifteen months, then joined the Seaboard Air Line Railway, continuing for four years in that connection. He left to enter the ladies' garment industry and, after four years in that field, joined the nationwide merchandising chain of Sears, Roebuck and Company. He worked in its Norfolk and Portsmouth stores, in responsible positions, for nine years.

Mr. McEachern resigned to join another Sears, Roebuck employee, J. B. Fishburne, in establishing their own wholesaling organization. They selected Norfolk as a site for this venture. Their firm, Universal Products Company, founded in 1944, was operated as a partnership and was later incorporated in 1957. It has prospered well, with a steady growing volume of sales. In 1954 a new building was completed. Twenty-three people are employed at this headquarters, and the firm has a staff of eight salesmen on the road, distributing the large line of gift merchandise, appliances, and other products useful in the home, to retailers over a large area.

Active in local organizations, Mr. McEachern is a Kiwanian and a member of the Executives Club and Elizabeth Manor Country Club. Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he is a member of the higher bodies of the order, holds the Thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite Masonry, and belongs to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Royal Order of Jesters. He votes independently, and his religious affiliation is with the Monumental Methodist Church. He has been a communicant there for forty years, and serves on its official board.

Mr. and Mrs. McEachern are fond of travel, and she is active in community affairs as a member of the Green Pines Women's Club and the Parent-Teacher Association, of which she is a past president. She is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. McEachern is the former Miss Amy Ridley and became the wife of Barlow K. McEachern on October 4, 1930. Her father, John Ridley, was a native of Portsmouth and was employed by the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company. He died in 1910, when Mrs. McEachern was only three years old. A Thirty-second degree Mason, he took part in

founding Khedive Temple. His wife was the former Mary Ann Pretlow, who was born in Southampton County. She died in 1952. Mr. and Mrs. McEachern are the parents of two children: 1. Mary Ann, born April 6, 1934. She is the wife of Richard L. Templeton of Portsmouth, and they have two children: i. Richard L., Jr., born December 22, 1954. ii. Keith. 2. John Thomas, born January 19, 1942, attending high school in Churchland.

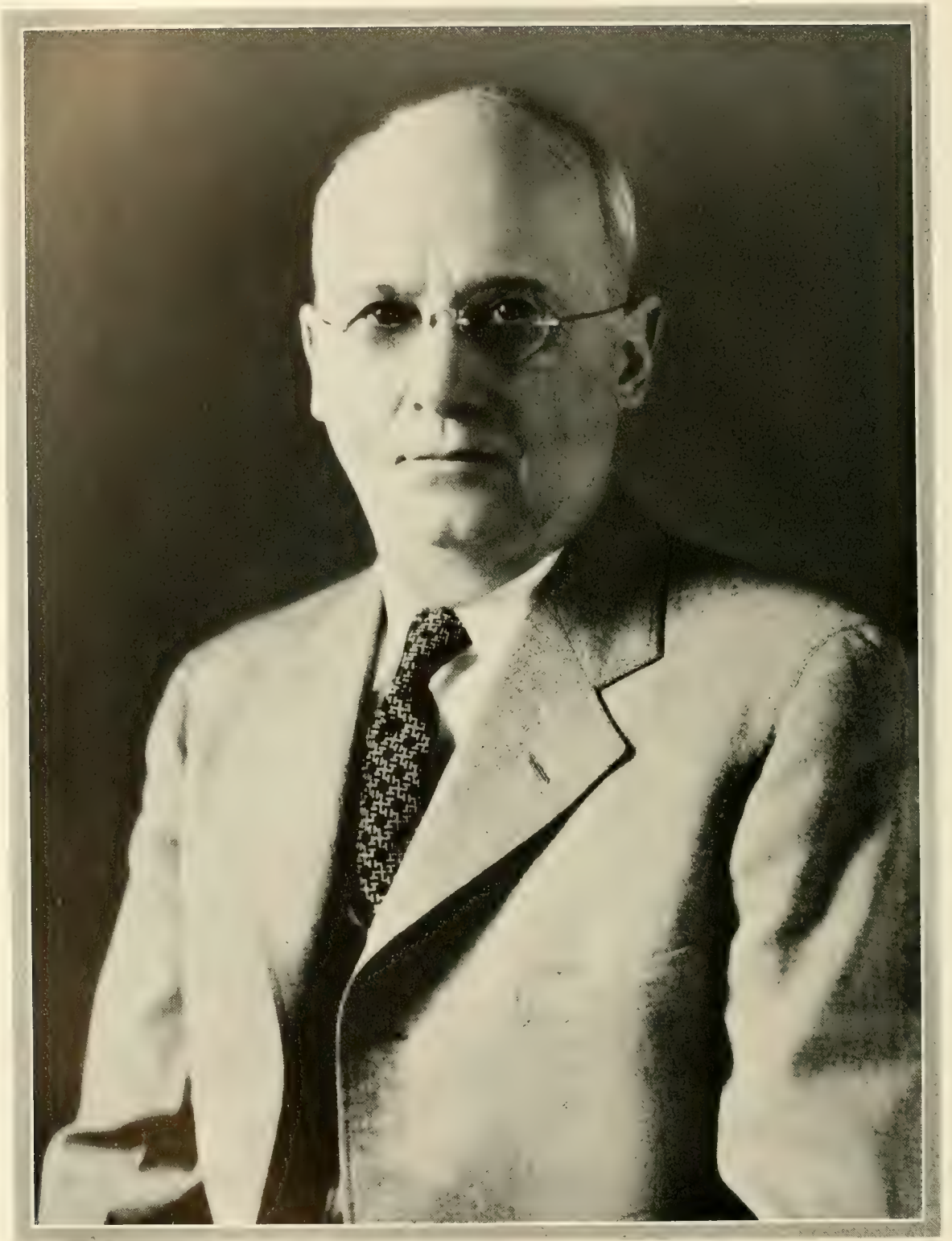
JAMES BURNETTE FISHBURNE—Vice president and treasurer of Universal Products Company, James B. Fishburne has played an active part in Norfolk's commercial life for the past decade and a half. He is a native of Roanoke, Virginia, and was born on November 15, 1906, son of Edward W. and Mary E. (Burnette) Fishburne. His father was born in Martinsville, Virginia, and his mother in Lynchburg, Virginia. They are both deceased. His grandfather was Peter Hopkins Fishburne, a Methodist minister.

James B. Fishburne attended public schools in Richmond and began his business career in that city as a salesman. In 1931 he joined Sears, Roebuck and Company as department manager and was later transferred to Norfolk. He remained with the nation-wide retailing chain until 1943.

After resigning from Sears he joined with Barlow K. McEachern in founding The Universal Products Company, a wholesale firm dealing in housewares, electrical appliances and related merchandise. It has built up a brisk business with retailers throughout Eastern Virginia and North Carolina. At its headquarters at 2315 Hampton Boulevard—an attractive modern structure erected in 1954—more than twenty people are employed. Mr. Fishburne and Mr. McEachern continued their business on a partnership basis until February 1, 1957, at which time the firm was incorporated.

Mr. Fishburne is a member of the Cosmopolitan Club, Electric League of Norfolk, Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, Fraternal Order of Police Associates and Norfolk Wholesalers Association which he served as its second president. His hobbies are boating and fishing and he holds membership in the United States Power Squadron. He attends Epworth Methodist Church and for many years has been a member of its Official Board.

Mrs. Fishburne is the former Katherine Elizabeth Rowzie of Richmond, daughter of Philip L. and Ida (Fields) Rowzie. Her father was born in Essex County, Virginia, and her mother in Greensboro, North Carolina. They are both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fishburne make their home at 3412 Colonial Avenue.



H. Blount Hunter

HENRY BLOUNT HUNTER—As a pharmacist and chemist the late Henry Blount Hunter, long an outstanding citizen of the Lower Tidewater, made a contribution of unusual character to American life. He helped modernize methods of manufacture and distribution of carbon dioxide and by-products for use by soda fountains and pharmaceutical houses and discovered and patented the processes for manufacturing a variety of chocolate products, including chocolate syrup, that allowed these to be made and sold in their present form anywhere. He did a great deal of original work with other syrups and in numerous other ways, through research and practical application of principles, furthered developments of great value in the general field of food chemistry.

Member of an old and prominent Southern family and fourth in succession of the same name, Henry Blount Hunter was born in Warren County, North Carolina, on August 12, 1873, and died in Norfolk on June 3, 1955. His parents were Henry Blount and Emily Peete (Jones) Hunter. The third Henry Blount Hunter was a farmer and retail merchant who achieved prominence in civic and political life, serving as a Senator in the North Carolina Legislature. In the War Between the States, he was a courier and sharpshooter with the First Virginia Cavalry of the Confederate States of America.

Henry Blount Hunter (the fourth) received his early education in North Carolina and other Southern schools. He spent a year at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. In 1893 he matriculated at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and the following year was granted his diploma as a Graduate in Pharmacy. He took post-graduate work in chemistry at the same college. He became a prominent member of the American Chemical Society, the Rotary Club of Norfolk and the Episcopal Church.

As a young chemist in the laboratory of Professor Sadler of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy—the famed “father of the Pure Food and Drug Act”—Mr. Hunter tested and advised for many different chemical industries. This experience, plus his active mind, retentive memory, wide interest and reading, led to his achievements in the chemical and pharmaceutical world.

At the age of twenty-one he owned three drug stores in Asbury Park, New Jersey. After selling these he traveled for three large manufacturers of pharmaceuticals. About 1905 he founded the Hunter Chemical Company in Norfolk, a firm which manufactured carbon dioxide and by-products for soda fountains and pharmaceuticals. In 1910, he founded the H. B. Hunter Company, Inc., which he headed until his death, forty-five years later. It was while operating this concern that Mr. Hunter discovered and patented his process for manu-

facturing chocolate products. His work with other syrups and preserved fruits resulted in a general increase in the quality of these products available to the public. In addition to his own manufacturing processes, he did considerable research for others, an interest that he continued throughout his life.

Mr. Hunter married Hannah Louise Baird, daughter of Charles Israel and Jane (Harrison) Baird, at Greensboro, North Carolina, on June 14, 1908. Two sons were born to them: 1. Henry Blount Hunter, Jr. (fifth in succession of the name), on January 13, 1921. 2. Charles Baird Hunter, on May 23, 1923.

Henry Blount Hunter is a graduate of the University of North Carolina in 1943, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry. He is now president of H. B. Hunter Company Inc. Married to Vivian Byrd Smith of Norfolk, they have three children: Carter Byrd, Hannah Baird and Henry Blount III.

Charles B. Hunter is a graduate of the University of North Carolina in the class of 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry. He is now vice president of Hunter Company Inc.

LOREN PIERCE WALDO, JR.—Executive head of the Jolly Lumber Company, which he owns in partnership with his wife, Loren Pierce Waldo, Jr., has been a leader in the business affairs of Holland for nearly a score of years. He has also taken a constructive part in church, educational, welfare and organizational work.

He was born at Portsmouth on July 17, 1909, son of Loren Pierce, Sr., and Lessie C. (Creekmur) Waldo. His father, who was born at Hamilton, North Carolina, on February 27, 1881, was with the Portsmouth Lumber Corporation for many years, and later in life operated a small dairy at Churchland, Virginia. He died on March 5, 1943. Lessie C. (Creekmur) Waldo survives him. She is a native Virginian, born at Deep Creek on February 5, 1886. The younger Loren P. Waldo attended the public schools of Portsmouth and Norfolk County, and graduated from Churchland High School in 1926.

He began his career with the Norman Packing Company in Portsmouth, and remained with that organization until 1929, when he left to join the Portsmouth Coal and Ice Company. He served that firm only a few months, however, and in March 1930, transferred to the Tarboro Ice and Fuel Company at Tarboro, North Carolina, of which he had become manager by 1934. All of the above companies are affiliated with Southeastern Ice Utilities. In 1934, Mr. Waldo identified himself with the G. W. Capps Produce Corporation at Norfolk, and the following year left to

join the staff of the Growers Exchange in the same city. He worked for this firm as a field man until 1937, when he left to return to North Carolina and take a responsible position with the Berkley Feed Corporation of Elizabeth City. He was a salesman with that firm until January 1938.

At that time Mr. Waldo established his residence in Holland, where he was first with the Tidewater Piling Timber Corporation as a buyer. In January 1940, he left that organization to join his father-in-law, A. L. Jolly, in the Jolly Lumber Company, with which he has since been identified. In 1944, at Mr. Jolly's death, Mr. Waldo became manager of the business, which he purchased in 1950. Now he and Mrs. Waldo are partners in the ownership of this firm, which manufactures lumber.

Mr. Waldo is a director of the Farmers Bank of Holland. He serves on the board of trustees of Christian Orphanage at Elon College, North Carolina. He attends the Holland Congregational Christian Church. A member of McAlister Lodge No. 185, Free and Accepted Masons, at Whaleyville, he also holds membership in the Mount Nebo Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, Portsmouth Commandery, Knights Templar, and is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Norfolk. In his political views, Mr. Waldo is a Democrat.

Mrs. Waldo, the former Miss Frances Heath Jolly, is a daughter of Arthur Leroy and Julia (Kent) Jolly. Her father founded the lumber company which still bears his name. Miss Jolly became the wife of Loren Pierce Waldo, Jr., at Holland on September 1, 1937. The couple have four children: 1. Julia Kent, born August 20, 1940. 2. Mary Mitchell, born June 15, 1943. 3. Loren Pierce, 3rd, born October 14, 1945. 4. John Jolly, born June 27, 1951.

PAUL EDWARD HARRELL—In the more than four decades that Paul Edward Harrell has been active in the transportation industry on the Virginia Peninsula, many changes have taken place not only in that industry but in the type of duties he has been called on to discharge. Today he is vice president and director of the Citizens Rapid Transit Company, with headquarters at 3400 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton. He is also a Democratic leader in that city and a prominent figure among veterans of World War I, and is vice president of the Peninsula Service Corporation, distributors of Mack trucks.

Born on a farm in Nansemond County on September 12, 1895, Mr. Harrell is the son of Elijah D. and Martha A. (Harrell) Harrell, both now deceased. Also a native of Nansemond County, Elijah Harrell was a farmer. Paul Edward Harrell

attended a rural grade school in Nansemond County and Whaleyville High School.

In 1914 Mr. Harrell began his career in his present field. His first work was that of conductor for the old Newport News-Hampton Gas and Electric Railway Company. He was a conductor on a four-wheel trolley car. Six months later he was promoted to a street supervisory capacity and, subsequently, was made dispatcher in the main office. Still later he served as both dispatcher and supervisor. In 1937 came another promotion—to assistant superintendent of transportation. In the intervening years the company had changed hands and names several times.

In 1938, Mr. Harrell was promoted to general superintendent of transportation and claims, with jurisdiction over all departments, including street cars and buses, electricity, gas and other services. Since February 28, 1945, the company has operated under the name of the Citizens Rapid Transit Company, and it now operates buses only. Since that time, too, Mr. Harrell has been vice president and one of the owners. He became vice president of the Peninsula Service Corporation in 1950.

Prominent in civic and political affairs throughout the years, Mr. Harrell was a member of the Democratic Committee of Newport News for a quarter of a century and its chairman about half that time. In World War I, he served as first sergeant in the 80th Division, United States Army. He spent about a year overseas. He was honorably discharged in May 1919. He has since been active in Braxton-Perkins Post No. 25, American Legion, Newport News, and in its Forty-and-Eight. He is also a member of the Newport News Lodge No. 315, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Kiwanis Club of Newport News and the Chamberlain Club at Old Point Comfort. He worships at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church of Warwick. His home is in that community.

Mr. Harrell married Elizabeth C. Tyree of Newport News in that city on June 23, 1920. She died on March 28, 1945. Two children were born to the marriage: 1. Katherine E. 2. Paul Edward, Jr. Mr. Harrell married (second) Florence Price Knight, now also deceased, and (third) Elizabeth Hale, likewise deceased.

MILBURN MERCER AMORY—A veteran business man of Hampton, who has dealt in automotive and petroleum products in that city for over thirty years, Milburn Mercer Amory is now president of the York Oil Company, Inc., and of Hampton Oil Lines, Inc. He is a native of Grafton, in York County, and was born on June 6, 1897, son of LeRoy Burt and Betty (Wray) Amory. Both of his parents were likewise born in York



Milburn M. Amory



Fitzhugh L. Moore

County. His father, a farmer, died June 6, 1946, and his mother on April 18, 1956.

Attending Grafton public schools and junior high school, Milburn M. Amory also attended Lynchburg College, and for two years was a student at the College of William and Mary. At the outset of his business career, he was the partner of his brother, W. W. Amory, in the ownership and operation of a general store at Grafton, known as Amory Brothers. Also, from 1919 to 1924, he served as postmaster of Grafton.

In the latter year he purchased a half interest in the York Tire Company in Hampton, in association with his brother-in-law, T. J. White. Since that time his business interests have been centered in that city. The partnership continued until 1944, when Mr. White died, and Mr. Amory continued the business in association with Mrs. T. J. White and her daughter, Elsie M. White, until 1946. At that time the present corporate organization, York Oil Company, Inc., was formed, with Mr. Amory as president and F. C. Moore as vice president. Mr. Moore is the subject of an accompanying sketch. The firm acts as local distributor for Cities Service petroleum products, which reach the public through eighteen owned and leased outlets. Offices of the York Oil Company, Inc., are at 33 East Sunset Road, Hampton, and there are ten people on the firm's payroll. Besides this major business interest, Mr. Amory is also president of Hampton Oil Line, Inc., and he is a director of the Citizens National Bank of Hampton.

A member of the Virginia Oil Jobbers Association, he formerly served on its board of directors, and he is also a member of the Virginia Oilmen's Association and the National Oil Jobbers Council. Locally, he serves as a director of the Peninsula Memorial Park Cemetery, and is also on the board of directors of the James River Country Club. He is a member of the Hampton Rotary Club, and Lodge No. 366, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Hunting and golf are his favorite outdoor pastimes. He is a communicant of the Baptist Church of Hampton.

At Newport News, on July 13, 1929, Milburn Mercer Amory married Bessie Lee Satchell of that city, daughter of George Lee and Annie (Fisher) Satchell. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Jean, who was born on October 11, 1931. She is now the wife of I. Leake Wornom, Jr., whose biographical sketch is to be found in this work. 2. Nancy Ann, born on January 21, 1936.

FITZHUGH CHRISTIAN MOORE—Shortly after he returned from wartime service overseas, with the army, Fitzhugh Christian Moore became identified with the York Oil Company, Inc., at

Hampton, of which he is now vice president. He is currently serving as president of the Virginia Oil Jobbers Association.

Born at Poquoson, in York County, Virginia, on December 17, 1911, Mr. Moore is a son of Sidney John and Blanche Estelle (Watkins) Moore. Both of his parents were likewise natives of York County. His father, a farmer, died on April 28, 1928, and his mother on August 9, 1946. Fitzhugh C. Moore attended local public schools and graduated from Poquoson High School, after which he entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute. There in 1933, he graduated and received the degree of Bachelor of Science.

He began his career in that year with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Extension Service and became farm agent in Nansemond in 1937, and continued to serve in that capacity until he entered the armed forces in 1941. Commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Army, he went overseas, and in the combat areas, won his promotion to the rank of full colonel. He was in the European Theater of Operations for twenty-four months, assigned to the Fifth Armored Division. He was separated from the service in April 1946. He is now commanding officer of the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation Army Reserve Unit.

After the war he returned to Suffolk, where during the remaining months of 1946 he continued as county farm agent for Nansemond County. On February 1, 1947, he became associated with M. M. Amory in the York Oil Company, which then operated on a partnership basis. Shortly afterwards, this petroleum products distributing firm was incorporated, with Mr. Amory as president and Mr. Moore as its vice president. The company has the franchise for the distribution of Cities Service oil products, which it carries out through eighteen owned and leased stations in the area. Ten people are employed at the firm's headquarters on East Sunset Road, Hampton.

Besides serving currently as president of the Virginia Oil Jobbers Association, Mr. Moore is a member of the Virginia Oilmen's Association and the National Oil Jobbers Council. He is a director of the Peninsula Association of Commerce, and a member of the Kiwanis Club, which he served as president in 1952. He serves on the executive committee of the Peninsula United Community Fund, and is a member of the James River Country Club. His favorite outdoor sports are boating and fishing. Mr. Moore is a Mason, a member of Hiram Lodge No. 340 in Suffolk. He belongs to the higher bodies of the order, including the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the commandery of the Knights Templar, the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles

of the Mystic Shrine. He and his family attend Hampton Baptist Church.

In this church, on February 8, 1947, Fitzhugh C. Moore took as his wife Miss Elsie Marie White of Hampton. She is the daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson and Nannie (Amory) White. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have two daughters: Nancy Jefferson Moore, who was born on September 22, 1953, and Beverly Kay Moore, who was born on June 13, 1957.

HARRY NELSON GUSTIN—Practicing law in Norfolk since the beginning of his professional career, Harry Nelson Gustin is a member of the firm of Taylor, Gustin, and Harris, which has its offices in the National Bank of Commerce Building. He has had a distinguished record of service in the Army and Air Corps, and is active in civic affairs.

He is a native of Canada, born at Woodstock, Ontario, on June 18, 1921, son of Earle Frank and Eddie Mae (Avery) Gustin. From his early years the family lived in Norfolk, where Harry N. Gustin attended R. E. Lee Public School, James Monroe Public School, Blair Junior High School, and Maury High School. He graduated from high school in June 1939. He took advanced courses in commercial subjects at Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, where he graduated in February 1943, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. While there, he served in the Cadet Corps, Reserve Officers Training Corps, and shortly after graduation, on April 1, 1943, was called into active service in the United States Army. He attended Officers Candidate Antiaircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis through July 1943, receiving at the end of that time a commission as second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps. Until January 1944, he served as cadre and platoon officer at the artillery training camp in Fort Bliss, Texas, and was then transferred to the United States Army Air Corps, attending Air Force Intelligence School at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, during February and March 1944. He was intelligence officer, 38th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron, with the Third Air Force at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and later joined the 13th Air Force in the Southwest Pacific. While there, he won his promotion to first lieutenant in the Air Corps, in April 1945. He remained until May, and was then assigned as staff intelligence officer to the headquarters of the 13th Air Force. He served until September 1945, at which time he was serving as assistant historical editor of the 13th Air Force Historical Unit.

Enrolling at the Law School of the University of Virginia on resuming civilian life, Mr. Gustin graduated in June 1948, with the degree of Bachelor

of Laws. He is presently a practicing attorney in Norfolk as a member of the law firm of Taylor, Gustin, and Harris.

Mr. Gustin joined a number of fraternal groups in his student days, including Gamma Phi Sigma, a high school social fraternity; Omicron Delta Kappa, leadership fraternity, which he served as treasurer in 1942-1943; and Alpha Kappa Psi professional fraternity. He was also a member of the German Club (serving as its secretary-treasurer) and of the Business Club at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He played basketball and baseball in his high school and college days, and held such positions as reporter on the college newspaper, vice president of his class, chairman of the music committee, and Student Senate secretary.

He is currently secretary of the Central Young Men's Christian Association's board of directors, and he serves as Sunday school teacher in the intermediate department of the Park Place Baptist Church. He is a member of Atlantic Lodge No. 2, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and serves as chairman of the Masonic building fund committee. He is past president of the Junior Board of Directors, Central Young Men's Christian Association, and past vice president of the Norfolk Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Norfolk Alumni Chapter, and served one term as a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association. Mr. Gustin is now serving as a member of local Draft Board No. 85 at Norfolk.

On November 4, 1950, Harry Nelson Gustin married Esther Callahan, daughter of James Wilson and Rose (Keech) Callahan. The couple are the parents of two sons: 1. H. Nelson, III, who was born on October 7, 1952. 2. James Wilson, born on March 22, 1955. The family resides at 404 Burleigh Avenue, Norfolk.

WILLIAM M. HARRIS—Member of the firm of Taylor, Gustin, and Harris, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, with offices in the National Bank of Commerce Building in Norfolk, William M. Harris is one of the younger men to enjoy full membership in an organization of such importance and wide industrial and commercial contacts. He is a native of Norfolk, born on September 1, 1924, son of James H. and Emily (Mitchell) Harris. Both his parents were born in Washington, North Carolina, and his mother now resides in Norfolk. She survives her husband, who died in 1942. He was for many years a member of the Norfolk Fire Department, and was a veteran of naval service in World War I. He was also a ship's engineer.

Reared and educated in Norfolk, William M. Harris graduated from Maury High School, and



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went directly into the United States Army in 1942. Later transferring to the Army Air Corps, he served in Africa and Italy as a bombardier, and at the time of his honorable discharge in 1945, held the rank of second lieutenant. He resumed his education, beginning his advanced studies at William and Mary College, Norfolk Division. He later transferred to the University of Richmond and there received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1952.

Mr. Harris commenced practice with Gordon E. Campbell, with whom he remained for one year. He left to join partners in forming the law firm of Taylor, Gustin, and Harris, and has practiced since 1953 as a member of this firm. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar and Virginia State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, as well as Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

Mr. Harris is a member of the Methodist Church. He belongs to the Exchange Club in his home city, to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 38 in Norfolk, and to the American Legion Post No. 113.

On June 14, 1946, William M. Harris married Roberta Mahone, daughter of Herschel and Ethel (Edwards) Mahone. Both her parents were born in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Harris make their home on Route 2, Lynnhaven, in Princess Anne County. They are the parents of two children: 1. James Landon, born June 6, 1953. 2. Reid Mitchell, born February 28, 1956.

REGINALD EDWARD BROTHERS—From the beginning of his business career, Reginald Edward Brothers has been in the field of retailing feeds, seed and building supplies, and during most of that time, has headed his own firm at Suffolk. The Reginald E. Brothers Co., Inc., now occupies an attractive new building on Highway 13, near the city limits. Its proprietor has expanded his line of merchandise to include paints, hardware and fuels. He has built a thriving business which attracts a considerable trade among Lower Tidewater people.

Mr. Brothers is a native of Nansemond County, having been born at Cypress Chapel on December 1, 1903. He is a son of Robert Edward and Margaret (Benton) Brothers. His father, also born at Cypress Chapel, in 1868, was for fifty years postmaster of that community. He also operated a general store there under his own name. He was the son of Henry and Savannah (Badger) Brothers. He died in April 1934, surviving his wife, the former Margaret Benton, by about two years. She was a native of Gates County, North Carolina.

In the Nansemond County public schools, Reg-

inald Edward Brothers began his education, and he graduated from Jefferson High School in Suffolk in 1922. He completed his studies at Virginia Military Institute, where he was a member of the Class of 1927.

Beginning his business career with the Cooper-Riddick Company in Suffolk, a firm which sold building supplies, feeds and seed, he remained with that organization for about five years, as an employee in responsible positions. In 1931 he bought this company and changed its name to Reginald E. Brothers Co., Inc. He has been its president since that time. On January 1, 1955, the company was moved into its new headquarters near the city line. In the course of selling and distributing its variety of products, Reginald E. Brothers Co., Inc., employs twelve persons, and operates seven trucks. In dealing in paints, hardware and building supplies, it has attracted the custom of builders and homeowners, while continuing to serve the needs of farming people of the region with its large line of feeds and seed. It also acts as distributor for coal and fuel oil.

Mr. Brothers is a Republican. He attends St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and serves on its vestry. Fond of the out-of-doors, he particularly enjoys hunting and fishing.

In the Episcopal Church at Henderson, North Carolina, on November 19, 1929, Reginald Edward Brothers married Lucy Kittrell, a native of that city and daughter of Josiah C. and Nell (Skinner) Kittrell. Both parents are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Brothers are the parents of two children: 1. Joan Kittrell, born on March 10, 1938. 2. Thomas Skinner, born April 15, 1941.

AMEDEO OBICI—Since 1912 the Planters Nut and Chocolate Company has been a distinctive and successful enterprise in Suffolk, with six years of earlier history in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. In its inception it was the dream and aim of one man, Amedeo Obici, of this record, and until his death in 1947 he was its guiding genius with the strong support and collaboration of his long-time associate, Mario Peruzzi. The story of the company and the biography of Mr. Peruzzi are presented in accompanying records.

Amedeo Obici was born in Oderzo, Treviso, Italy, July 15, 1877. He was a lad of eleven when he came to the United States in 1889, and he was able to attend school for but three months before starting to earn his livelihood at various jobs. Later he was employed in a cigar factory in Wilkes-Barre, then at a fruit stand, his diligence and intelligence winning him the regard and respect of his employers and the public. His savings were invested in a fruit stand of his own, to which he

added a small peanut roaster. The popularity of the freshly-roasted peanuts and the low spoilage in comparison with fruit led him further into the line and he bought a small store in Wilkes-Barre, distributing his product through local shop-keepers. He acquired a horse and cart to service the outlying area, where he became well-known and welcomed as "The Peanut Specialist." At about this time he and Mario Peruzzi joined forces, and the result of this combination of talent, energy, and initiation is told in the history of the company they founded.

From the time of his first contact with the public as a small merchant Mr. Obici's career was marked by concern for the welfare of his fellows and by a spontaneous friendliness that characterized him all his life. As his enterprise prospered he was able to increase his benefactions, which culminated in the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital, established in memory of his wife. Its history is outlined herewith.

Amedeo Obici died May 12, 1947, his wife, Louise, having predeceased him. In his single-minded devotion to the vision he had early in life, in the integrity and honor he brought to its every relation, and in the substantial success that rewarded him, was written again, and impressively, the story of American opportunity, an inspiring document.

LOUISE OBICI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—

As an outgrowth of what was known before as the Amedeo Obici Hospital Foundation Trust, in early 1942 the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital, a corporation, was born. The object was to erect at some future time a hospital which Mr. A. Obici, now deceased, former president of Planters Nut and Chocolate Company, wished to establish as a fitting memorial to his wife, Louise.

On February 12, 1942, the organization meeting of the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital was held in Suffolk, Virginia, with the following present, selected by Mr. Obici himself: M. A. Cross, James C. Causey, Jr., Lewis H. Cathey, F. Whitney Godwin, A. Obici, Harry J. Pettit, Vernon G. Eberwine, all of whom were elected to serve as directors and from which Mr. Cross was elected president; Mr. Godwin, vice president; Mr. Pettit, secretary-treasurer.

A certificate of incorporation was filed with the State Corporation Commission in Richmond, Virginia, and the charter of the corporation was issued as of January 27, 1942. Suitable by-laws were drawn and approved by the Board of Directors. It was then a matter of the funds of the Corporation growing to such an extent that the project could actually be started.

On May 21, 1947, Mr. Obici died and his estate was administered in due course, and it was the job of the Board of Directors of the hospital corporation to devise means of acquiring sufficient funds to commence construction. Through the contributions of the donor during his lifetime and of his estate, with the aid of Federal and State grants, success was finally attained and bids for actual construction were opened on August 10, 1949, and a short time later the contract was awarded to the Virginia Engineering Company, Inc., of Newport News, Virginia, which was the lowest bidder.

As soon as all the details had been worked out, the order was given to begin the project and shortly after the middle of September the work got under way. First came the stripping of the top soil and conditioning of the surface and then the digging of the basement. Concrete piling followed to insure a firm and safe foundation for the building.

The building is four stories and basement, or ground floor, with steel construction. It is finished with red brick with limestone trim, completely fireproof and modern in every detail. It at first contained 117 beds and 23 bassinets and has base facilities for enlarging to 150 beds or more.

The site of the hospital consists of a little over twenty-five acres located 1-¼ miles from the city limit on Route 460, the main four-lane highway to Richmond.

A Nurses' School and Home is included in the project. It is called the Louise Obici School of Nursing and will accommodate some sixty-odd students.

Present officers and directors of the corporation are: M. A. Cross, president; L. H. Cathey, vice president; H. J. Pettit, secretary-treasurer; W. M. Birdsong, J. C. Causey, Jr., V. G. Eberwine, M. J. English and F. Whitney Godwin.

MARIO PERUZZI—An exceptional record in an executive post in a major Tidewater industry was that of the late Mario Peruzzi, who for nearly fifty years was an executive of Planters Nut and Chocolate Company, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and Suffolk, Virginia, and its president at the time of his death. His organization has been prominently identified over the years with the promotion of salted peanuts as a popular snack enjoyed by millions of people; and Mr. Peruzzi personally contributed much, in ideas, ingenuity and business leadership, to the advancement of this program.

He was a native of Italy, born in the town of Treviso on September 8, 1875, son of Angelo and Elvira (Morlacchi) Peruzzi. Both parents were also born in Italy. His father had not adhered to the

prevailing religion of that country, but was a Baptist minister, who after coming to this country served a congregation in Wilkes-Barre.

Mario Peruzzi was truly a successful American, who by his own individual efforts, had forced his way upward, carved out his own fortune, and by dint of hard work, perseverance, enterprise and ability, became one of the leading executives in the peanut industry. He received his education in the public school at Treviso, and later attended Venice Industrial School, up to his eleventh year of age. At the age of twelve he began his working career, in Rome, Italy, but was there only three months, being employed in a second-hand book store. His next position was with one of the large department stores of Rome, which had branches throughout Europe. Working in various capacities, he remained with the organization for six years, and at the time he left, held the position of assistant bookkeeper.

In 1894, at the age of nineteen, Mario Peruzzi left his homeland and accompanied his father to the United States. They remained in New York City for a short time, then both moved to Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The lad's first position in America was that of janitor in the coal office of A. S. Van Winkle. He remained there only four or five months, then took a responsible position in charge of a wholesale importing grocery store in Hazleton. In that connection he continued for about six years.

Mr. Peruzzi then moved to Scranton, Pennsylvania, to take complete charge of the confectionery department of the wholesale grocery firm of Wentz and Duffy Company. He held this position until 1906, and it was while there that he made the acquaintance of Mr. Obici, who was to become his partner in the formation of the Planters Peanut Company.

They discovered their mutual interest in the industrial possibilities of the edible seed, and joined forces to organize their company on May 1, 1906. When Planters Peanut Company was organized, Mr. Peruzzi became secretary and sales manager. Through his and his partner's hard work, and their confidence in the future despite adversity, the company prospered. In 1907, the Planters Peanut Company was incorporated, and its name was later changed to the Planters Nut and Chocolate Company, with Mr. Peruzzi as secretary, treasurer and a director. He was in complete charge of the Wilkes-Barre plant and office. On the death of Mr. Obici, in the fall of 1947, he was elected president of the company. This office he most capably filled from that time until his death in December 1955.

Mr. Peruzzi was a member of the board of directors of the Miners National Bank of Wilkes-

Barre, Pennsylvania. He was a Rotarian, and a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Italo-American Citizens Club of that city. In his politics, he was a Republican.

Mario Peruzzi married, first, in 1897, Miss Mary McCarthy of Hazleton, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Mario, Jr. 2. Rita Elvira. He married, second, on August 25, 1921, Miss Elizabeth Obici, sister of his partner, Amedeo Obici. He had residences at Pine View, Pennsylvania, and at Suffolk, Virginia.

His death occurred on December 10, 1955.

MICHAEL J. ENGLISH began his career with Planters Nut and Chocolate Company, and worked for the firm in the North before coming to Suffolk to fill executive offices there. He is now vice president and treasurer of the corporation, and serves on its board. The citizens of Suffolk have found him to be vitally interested in civic and municipal affairs, and he is currently serving on the Planning Commission.

A native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, he was born on May 5, 1898, son of Anthony and Theresa (Petrucelli) English. Both of his parents were born in Italy, and both are deceased. He attended the public schools of his native city and graduated from Wilkes-Barre High School in 1916. He served in the United States Army in World War I.

Mr. English's first business connection was with Planters Nut and Chocolate Company, at its plant in his home city of Wilkes-Barre. He began as a clerk, but his advancement to responsible positions was rapid, and in 1934 he was named assistant treasurer. He remained with the company's Pennsylvania plant until 1943, when he came to Suffolk to assume similar managerial duties there. He was promoted to treasurer of the company in 1947, and was named vice president in 1956, while continuing in the treasurer's post. He holds both positions at the present time, and has been a member of the board of directors since 1947. In the course of his connection with the firm, he has had broad experience in its various departments, including both sales and production. He is the manager of operations at Suffolk, where sixteen hundred people are employed. This is the company's main production center.

A Democrat in his politics, Mr. English is now serving as a member of the Suffolk Planning Commission. He is a director of the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in his city, and serves on the Old Dominion Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. English is a veteran of World War II as well as World War I, having served in the United States Army in the second world conflict as well.

He is a Rotarian, and a member of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, Suffolk Post No. 57 of the American Legion, the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Princess Anne Country Club. Fond of the out-of-doors, he enjoys fishing and golf. He is a Roman Catholic in his religious faith and he and his family attend St. Mary's Church.

Mrs. English is the former Miss Ann Stets of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Her parents, Ignatius and Catherine (Kurzek) Stets, were lifelong residents of that city. Mr. and Mrs. English have one daughter, Michela Ann, born December 28, 1949.

FRANK A. ENGLISH—Devoting his career to the Planters Nut and Chocolate Company, Frank A. English was recently named president of this firm, which constitutes one of Suffolk's major industries. Like his brother Michael J. English (q.v.), also an executive of the company, he is a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. They are the sons of Anthony and Theresa (Petrucelli) English, who came to this country from Italy and are now deceased.

Frank A. English was born on September 20, 1895, and he received his education in the public schools of Wilkes-Barre, graduating from high school there in 1914. Thus, when he joined Planters Nut and Chocolate Company at the outset of his career, that firm was in the early years of its existence, and beginning its steady growth to a preeminent position in its industry, its name being in effect synonymous with peanuts wherever the product is sold. Frank A. English familiarized himself with the work of the various departments of the company, and quickly proved his capacity for leadership. He was named secretary in 1934. In 1947, he was promoted to the vice presidency, but also continued as secretary, until his election to the presidency in 1956. He continues to make his headquarters in Wilkes-Barre, but is of course well known among the executives of the Suffolk area, spending considerable time at the plant in that city, which is managed by his brother Michael.

Mr. English is a director of the Miners National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, and a member of that city's Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. He is also a member of the Westmoreland Club, the Fox Hill Country Club and the Black Diamond Post No. 132 of the American Legion. He serves on the board of directors of Mercy Hospital. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic. Fishing and golf are his favorite outdoor pastimes.

In 1932, in Wilkes-Barre, Frank A. English married Helen Connors, daughter of John Martin and Mary Margaret (Hogan) Connors. Mr. and

Mrs. English have two children: 1. Elena, now attending Manhattanville College in Westchester County, New York. 2. Mariana, a student at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

PLANTERS NUT AND CHOCOLATE COMPANY—One of Suffolk's major industries, Planters Nut and Chocolate Company has established itself, in a half-century of continuous growth, as the world's leading manufacturer of peanut products. While its biggest plant is at Suffolk, it had its beginnings at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and retains its headquarters there. It was founded in that city in 1906, by Amedeo Obici and Mario Peruzzi, both Italian immigrants. Mr. Obici had for several years been engaged in the peanut retailing business, and was already known in his city as "the peanut specialist." He and Mr. Peruzzi, a wholesale grocery salesman, realized the potential public demand for tasty salted peanuts, and they also realized the commercial value of packaging in keeping the product fresh from processor to consumer. With a bank loan of two thousand dollars as their capital, they started their company off in a small plant with a monthly rental of twenty-five dollars, two floors being occupied by two large roasters and simple machinery, operated by five girls and one man. After some experimentation, a special package of whole blanched Virginia salted peanuts was introduced, and these quickly proved more popular than the small red-skinned Spanish grade, which had previously commanded a better market at ten cents a pound.

It was at about this time that plans were devised for wider distribution of the products. Mr. Obici continued to manage manufacturing, and Mr. Peruzzi spent part of his time traveling, contacting the jobbing trade. By the end of the first year, the increased volume of business necessitated larger quarters, and the company moved into a four-story brick building at Wilkes-Barre in 1907. As the business grew, other products, including peanut butter and chocolate-peanut products, were added. Factory facilities expanded into adjoining buildings. A printing department was added; and with the growth in sale of salted peanuts, another factory building was rented on Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, devoted exclusively to the processing of salted peanuts.

In 1912, Mr. Obici decided to locate a factory in Suffolk, Virginia, near the source of supply. Arriving with twenty-five thousand dollars, he shortly afterwards purchased a peanut-cleaning plant in the city. In 1917, the company launched its first national advertising campaign with a series of full-page advertisements in magazines, and it was at this time that Mr. Peanut, the firm's now



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famous trade mark, made his appearance. In 1921, a factory was established in San Francisco, enabling western states to be supplied as rapidly as other parts of the nation.

As the business developed, several modern buildings were erected at Suffolk, and the manufacture of many peanut products was added to the cleaning of raw peanuts which had been carried on at that location. In 1925 a modern building was purchased in Toronto, Canada, and a campaign of national advertising was started in the Dominion. At Suffolk, several large modern factory units were added through the years, and in 1926 the cleaning plants and other properties of the John King Peanut Company were purchased and modernized at considerable expense. These have been in constant operation since. In 1927, cold-storage plants were erected in Suffolk, with storage capacities for several hundred carloads. Also during that year, properties of the Old Dominion Peanut Company were purchased, renovated and put into operation as Planters units. To afford storage space for the stock of raw peanuts shipped into Suffolk, thirty-six warehouses were erected, served by railway sidings. Several large warehouses have also been erected in various peanut-growing territories elsewhere in the United States. The company maintains a fully equipped printing plant at Suffolk, where cartons and advertising matter are run off on huge multi-color rotary presses. Thousands of cartons are made daily; and a process of waxing boxes before assembly assures the freshness of the product when it reaches the consumer. Several hundred salesmen represent the firm in the United States and Canada. Nearly ten thousand jobbers and distributors in the United States, Canada and other countries sell millions of packages of Planters products each year. During World War II the company participated fully in the war-time program by packaging containers of peanuts for troops in every theater of action.

Since the war the planning and development of new production facilities have gone on apace. At Suffolk, a modern oil mill and refining buildings were completed and put in operation in 1948. Here the latest automatic crushing and refining equipment operates around the clock, producing a highly refined, pure, edible peanut oil marketed by Planters Edible Oil Company, a subsidiary, under the trade name Planters Hi-Hat Peanut Oil. Primarily used for cooking, salads and baking, it is fast gaining in popularity with increasing consumption from year to year. Through the National Peanut Corporation, another subsidiary with offices in Wilkes-Barre, Planters operates a chain of retail nut stores in the larger cities throughout the country, where Planters products are sold

together with other kinds of nuts, candies and novelties. Executive and sales offices of the parent company are also located at Wilkes-Barre. Direct factory branches are maintained in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Atlanta and Memphis, and public warehouses are used for rapid distribution at Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Cleveland, and Minneapolis.

Thus from one small building in 1906 to a group of large modern buildings occupying over thirty-eight acres of land, and two important subsidiary organizations, Planters Nut and Chocolate Company has grown to the largest establishment of its kind in the world, and its annual sales over that span of years has increased from twenty-five thousand dollars to over fifty-one millions of dollars. This represents an endeavor which is of vital significance to Suffolk's commercial life, and to the development of the entire region's productive resources.

GREENOUGH AND COMPANY, INC.—The history of Greenough and Company, Inc., the building materials firm located at 1711 Park Avenue in South Norfolk, is one of steady progress. Established in April 1950, by Hilton H. Thomas and Julian A. Greenough, it has grown, from modest beginnings, to one of the largest and most complete building supply houses in the Tidewater region.

The first location of the firm was at 1030 Seaboard Avenue in South Norfolk, where the business was housed in a twenty-by-thirty-two building. The partners started with an initial capital of three hundred dollars, Mr. Greenough giving his full time to the management of the new firm, and Mr. Thomas beginning his connection on a part-time basis. In October 1951, the present modern quarters of the firm were erected at 1711 Park Avenue. There, eighteen thousand square feet of floor space are available for its needs. Shortly after the business was founded, Mr. Thomas began work with his partner on a full-time basis, and they constituted a successful team which has built up the enterprise to the most complete, and certainly one of the most efficiently managed, in Tidewater Virginia. It specializes in the sale of Class A building materials, which include hardware, roofing, siding, flooring, window and door frames, lumber, du Pont paint products, disappearing stairways, brick and blocks, plastering materials, cement and mortar. They also carry a complete line of the materials and tools of the building crafts, and also sell appliances.

Greenough and Company, Inc., serves not only the Tidewater area of Virginia, but also eastern

North Carolina, maintaining prompt delivery schedules. The officers of the company are Hilton H. Thomas, president; Julian A. Greenough, vice president; and Francis A. Ritter, secretary.

In December 1954, Hilton H. Thomas and Julian A. Greenough founded the South Norfolk Manufacturing Company, Inc., with office and plant at 1322 Transylvania Avenue. Housed in a fine modern brick building with about seventy-two hundred square feet of floor space, this firm engages in the manufacture of Master Window Units, through authorization of the Master Metal Weatherstrip Corporation. It also manufactures moldings and door frames. Through wholesale outlets, it distributes its products throughout Tidewater Virginia and eastern North Carolina, and has a statewide franchise for the state of Virginia. Mr. Greenough is its president, Mr. Thomas is vice president and Francis A. Ritter is secretary.

Hilton H. Thomas was born at Lawrenceville, in Brunswick County, Virginia, on May 7, 1903, son of David Carson and Mary Elizabeth (Lucey) Thomas. Both parents were also natives of Brunswick County, and both are now deceased. David C. Thomas was engaged in the retail grocery business, and also operated a lumber firm at Lawrenceville. The fifth of six children born to his parents, Hilton H. Thomas attended the public schools of Brunswick County, and at the age of sixteen entered the employ of the Spoke and Handle Company at Kenbridge. There he served his apprenticeship in the woodworking trade. His next employment was with the Tubize Silk Company at Hopewell, Virginia, where he remained for eleven years as a machine operator. In 1935 he came to Norfolk, where he entered the employ of the Davis Milling Company on Water Street as a miller. He continued with that firm for seven years, during three of which he held the position of plant superintendent. During the World War II years, 1942 to 1945, he was with the United States Army Corps of Engineers as a civilian employee, engaged in war work at the Nansemond Ordnance Depot.

Following the war, Mr. Thomas rejoined the Davis Milling Company, and remained until October 1951, when he began his full-time connection with Greenough and Company, Inc., which he had joined Mr. Greenough in founding in April 1950.

Mr. Thomas is a member of the Virginia Retail Hardware Association, the South Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, South Norfolk Lodge No. 339, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Ionic Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons at Berkley, Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Norfolk. He is a member of the

Dolphin, Virginia, Methodist Church. He is interested in sports, and his firm is the sponsor of a softball team which plays in the South Norfolk Softball League.

On October 10, 1928, at Hopewell, Virginia, Hilton H. Thomas married Anna Belle Dunbar of Pembroke. They are the parents of Darletta Delsie Thomas, born December 13, 1929. She is the wife of Julian A. Greenough of South Norfolk, co-founder of the business enterprises and partner of Mr. Thomas.

Julian A. Greenough was born August 22, 1928, at South Norfolk, son of Joseph and the late Annie (Bateman) Greenough. He graduated from South Norfolk High School in 1947. Shortly afterwards he became co-founder of Greenough and Company, Inc., is its vice president, and is now also president and manager of South Norfolk Manufacturing Company, Inc.

Married to the former Darletta Delsie Thomas, he is the father of a daughter, Darlene Bernice Greenough.

CHARLES A. KIMNACH, JR.—President and owner of Peebles Motor Corporation, Ford dealership located at Poindexter Street and Bainbridge Boulevard in Norfolk, Charles A. Kimnach, Jr., is a veteran of more than twenty years in the automobile business. He has enjoyed an active and extremely successful career. His position in the automobile sales field is one of leadership and high standing, and he has won the respect and confidence of all who are acquainted with him and his record.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he was born on December 10, 1915, son of Charles A., Sr., and Catherine (Conroy) Kimnach. His parents reside in Philadelphia, and his father is now retired from business. Receiving his early education in the public schools of that city, the younger Charles A. Kimnach went on to advanced studies at Temple University. In 1936 he began his career in the automobile business at Westchester, Pennsylvania, beginning as salesman and later becoming sales manager in an agency there. He came south in the mid-1940s, and from 1945 to 1949 was sales manager of the All-Miami Motors Company of Miami, Florida. From 1949 to 1953, he managed Rollins Motors, in Newport News, Virginia.

On January 1, 1953, Mr. Kimnach became associated with W. J. Peebles, founder of Peebles Motor Corporation, Ford agency in South Norfolk, as a partner and sales manager. With the retirement of Mr. Peebles from active management duties in 1953, he became directing head of the business. On January 1, 1956, he acquired sole ownership of the Peebles Motor Corporation, prior



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to which time he had held a half interest. He has continued the organization under the same name, which is favorably known throughout the region. In sales volume, the firm has become the largest Ford dealership in Virginia, and as directing head of the organization since 1953, Mr. Kinnach has more than tripled this volume of sales. Its headquarters, one of the most modern sales and service centers in Tidewater Virginia, is located at Bainbridge Boulevard and Poindexter Street, with the used car facilities across the street. The properties cover about four acres in all, with about thirty-two thousand square feet of floor space under roof. The organization has one hundred and five employees on the payroll, skilled and fully trained sales and service personnel, and the latest factory-approved equipment. Peebles Motor Corporation has won the confidence and good will of the citizens of the Norfolk area through courteous treatment and satisfactory service. Over the years it has qualified as a Four-letter Dealer of the Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Kinnach is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Automobile Dealers Association, the Virginia Automotive Trade Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association. He is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Cavalier Golf and Country Club, and his favorite outdoors sports are fishing and boating.

At Miami, Florida, in 1946, Charles A. Kinnach, Jr., married Martha Miles of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two children: Gary and Sherry Kinnach.

WEYLAND T. JOYNER had experience in various business enterprises before he founded the Windsor Supply Company about a quarter-century ago. He has since headed this firm, which is distributor of farm supplies and electrical equipment. Also, he served as president of W. T. Joyner, Inc., an organization that distributed Mobile Oil products in three counties.

Born in the vicinity of Windsor on October 7, 1893, he is a son of Charles T. and Anna James (Newman) Joyner. Both of his parents were born in Isle of Wight County, and both are now deceased. His father was a farmer, and Weyland T. Joyner was born and reared on his farm. He attended the public schools of Windsor, and began his business career as clerk in a general store in that city, a position in which he continued for several years.

In 1922 he purchased C. L. Griffin's grocery and general store in Windsor and managed the business under his own name. He later left the grocery retailing field and opened a farm supply and electrical supply business. From this beginning the present firm of Windsor Supply Company,

Inc., has developed. In 1930 he began the distribution of oil and other petroleum products, under the name of W. T. Joyner, which distributed Mobile Oil Company products in Isle of Wight, Nansemond, and Southampton counties. This business was sold in 1957. Mr. Joyner is a director of the Farmers Bank of Windsor.

Conscientious in regard to civic responsibilities, he has served for seventeen years on the Isle of Wight school board. He is a Democrat in his politics, a member of the Ruritan Club, and a communicant of the Congregational Christian Church. He has served on the church's finance committee and on its board of deacons.

In Suffolk, on August 18, 1928, Weyland T. Joyner married Thelma Olive Neal, a native of Twin City, Georgia, and a daughter of Benjamin H. and Gussie Hooks Neal. Mr. and Mrs. Joyner have two children: 1. Weyland T., Jr. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Science from Hampden-Sydney College, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Nuclear Energy from Duke University. He is now engaged in work for the United States government at the University of Maryland. He married Marianne Steele of Windsor, daughter of Frank I. Steele, M.D. 2. Phyllis Anna, who is now with the library of the Medical College Hospital, Richmond.

COLONIAL BLOCK CORPORATION—

Founded in 1946 by the late Salvatore Marchione, the Colonial Block Corporation of Norfolk is now under the management of his two sons, Joseph and John Marchione. Growing steadily throughout the decade of its existence, it has become one of the largest concrete block manufacturing firms in the Norfolk area. Its plant, located at 3230 Chesapeake Boulevard at Virginian Railroad, is a completely modern and well equipped production center, with an average output of eight thousand units per eight-hour day. The company's growth has come about in large measure from its policy of giving its customers the best of service and workmanship at a favorable price. Its productive capacity is of course not limited to the manufacture of concrete blocks alone. Its output includes "Waylite" masonry units, patio blocks, chimney blocks, splash blocks, lintels, concrete bricks and colonial stone in various colors for store building fronts. The products are sold to general contractors, masonry contractors, building materials firms, and outlets for the home builder. General distribution covers the Tidewater region of Virginia, including Norfolk, South Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, and all of Norfolk and Princess Anne counties.

Salvatore Marchione, the founder of Colonial Block Corporation, was a native of Italy and came

to America in his early youth. In his homeland, he had learned the trade of stonemason, and on locating in Brooklyn, New York, followed that trade. During the prewar days of 1941, he came to Norfolk and engaged in contracting, laying concrete foundations for military installations, housing projects, and other construction which was vital to the war effort.

When the war ended in 1945, Mr. Marchione continued in foundation and masonry contracting in Norfolk, and the great demand for concrete blocks led him to the conclusion that it would be a wise investment to organize his own manufacturing outfit. Accordingly, in 1946, he founded the Colonial Block Corporation. From a modest beginning, with Mr. Marchione producing his blocks from hand-operated molds, the plant has grown into one of the best equipped and most efficiently managed of its kind. At the time of the founder's death in 1952, the firm was producing four thousand units each eight-hour day.

Since that time, his sons, Joseph and John, capably carry on the management of the business. Joseph is vice president and is in charge of production. John is secretary and sales manager. The office of president is held by their mother, the widow of the founder, Mrs. Salvatore Marchione. She is the former Mary Leggio, a native of Italy who was reared in Brooklyn, New York. Joseph and John are the two eldest of five sons born to this couple. The younger sons are Angelo, Frank and Tony Marchione.

Joseph Marchione, vice president in charge of production of Colonial Block Corporation, was born on March 17, 1924, at Brooklyn, New York. He received his education in the public schools there, graduating from the Brooklyn High School of Automotive Trades in 1942. In the same year he came to Norfolk, and prior to entering military service, was employed at the Naval Operating Base. In 1943 he entered the United States Army Air Corps, was in uniform until 1946, and following his separation, became associated with his father's firm, which had just been founded. In addition to his executive office with this firm, he is active in community affairs. He is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; Roma Lodge of the Sons of Italy No. 254; Council No. 3548 of the Knights of Columbus; and Holy Trinity Church.

On August 18, 1950, at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Norfolk, Joseph Marchione married Dorothy Frances O'Donnell of that city. They are the parents of four children: 1. Sandra Marie. 2. Joseph Salvatore. 3. Tony Francis. 4. Gina Maria.

John Marchione, secretary and sales manager

of Colonial Block Corporation, was born October 31, 1925, in Brooklyn. He attended the public schools there and completed secondary studies at East New York Vocational High School. Coming to Norfolk in 1942, he was employed at the Naval Air Station for one year, and then at the Norfolk Army Base for a similar period. Then joining his father in concrete and construction work, he became active in organizing the Colonial Block Corporation in 1946, and has had a leading role in its management since. John Marchione is a member of the Hampton Roads Sales Executives Club; the Norfolk Civitan Club; Roma Lodge of the Sons of Italy; Council No. 3548 Knights of Columbus; and the Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church.

On October 14, 1951, in St. Paul's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, John Marchione married Virginia Arger of that city. They are the parents of two children: 1. Linda Marie. 2. Diane Joan.

THE SNELLINGS FUNERAL HOME, situated at 1927 High Street in Portsmouth, was established in 1880 by W. B. Johnson, and is thus one of the longest-established institutions of its type in the region. Mr. Johnson was succeeded in the management of the business by his cousin, J. E. Snellings, who was joined in 1906 by his brother, Charles Holland Snellings. The latter learned the funeral directing business under his brother and passed the examination of the Virginia State Board of Embalmers on December 31, 1908.

The Snellings brothers continued their association, in the management of the funeral home, until the death of J. E. Snellings in 1918. At that time, Charles H. assumed the full duties of managing the business, which has retained its name to the present time.

In 1951 John Elliott Hinton, nephew of Charles H. Snellings, assumed responsibilities as director and manager.

The old firm has kept pace in every way with modern developments in the mortuary profession and with changing tastes in design and decorating. It has every convenience and comfort which science has developed and experience dictated. Each advancement in physical equipment and technique has found a ready acceptance, and at the same time, the feeling of sympathetic understanding and friendliness, which has always been fostered between those who manage the funeral home and those whom they serve, has never been lost.

Charles Holland Snellings was born at New Bern, North Carolina, on October 17, 1889, son of the late William Edward and Josephine (Holland) Snellings. His father was a railroad contractor and merchant in New Bern, until his death in



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1901. His wife, the former Josephine Holland, survived him until 1922. Charles H. Snellings came to Portsmouth to join his brother, J. E. Snellings, and under him served his apprenticeship in funeral directing. He is a member of the Virginia Funeral Directors Association, Tidewater Funeral Directors Association, Virginia State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, and, in his own city, the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 82; Knights of Pythias; and Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is also affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Seaboard Lodge No. 56; Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter No. 11; the Scottish Rite bodies in Portsmouth; Portsmouth Commandery No. 5 of the Knights Templar; Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Norfolk; and the Shrine Club. Mr. Snelling is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Portsmouth and served as its president in 1933. He is a director of the Governor Dinwiddie Hotel Corporation and a member of the Port Norfolk Baptist Church.

On June 14, 1913, at Portsmouth, Charles H. Snellings married Anna Mae Hankins. They are the parents of one daughter, Josephine, who married Muriel Bing of Portsmouth, and they have four children: i. Joanna. ii. E. L. (Sonny). iii. Jeanette. iv. Charles.

John Elliott Hinton, managing director of the Snellings Funeral Home, was born in Norfolk on December 7, 1903, son of Charles Richard and Alberta Elizabeth (Snellings) Hinton, both of whom are now deceased. He became associated with the Snellings Funeral Home in 1925 and in 1927 graduated from Cincinnati College of Embalming. He passed the Virginia State Board of Embalmers' examination on June 14, 1927, after which he resumed his long association with the Snellings Funeral Home.

Mr. Hinton is a member of the Virginia State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association. Apart from his professional connections, he is a member of Naval Lodge No. 100, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mount Horeb Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons; Portsmouth Commandery No. 5 of the Knights Templar; and Portsmouth Scottish Rite bodies. He holds the Thirty-second degree and is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Norfolk. He is also a member of the Portsmouth Kiwanis Club and attends the Broad Street Methodist Church of Portsmouth.

John Elliott Hinton married Margaret Petty of Portsmouth. They are the parents of two children: 1. Margaret Elliot, a graduate of Randolph-Macon Women's College, where she majored in

English. 2. John Albert, attending Harry Hunt Junior High School, in Portsmouth.

WILLIAM CHARLES JONES—One of Franklin's younger commercial leaders, William Charles Jones founded his own laundry and dry cleaning plant in that city after his return from service in World War II, and he later founded the Franklin Paper Products Company, a paper converting firm. Since February 1957, he has been associated with Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation.

Mr. Jones is a native of Norfolk and was born on January 3, 1921, son of Samuel G. and Ruth (Kelley) Jones. His father was president of the Berkley Machine Works and Foundry Company in that city. Attending the public schools there, William Charles Jones graduated from Maury High School in 1938. For three years he was a student at Georgia Institute of Technology, and he also studied at the University of Virginia. For a time, in the early days of World War II, he served in the United States Army, and served stateside transporting planes. In the later war years he was with the Camp Manufacturing Company of Franklin.

In 1945 Mr. Jones built a laundry and dry cleaning plant in Franklin, and this he operated until 1949 as the Modern Laundry and Dry Cleaners. In that year he left to form a new organization and build a plant on Franklin Street, and in 1950 operations of the Franklin Paper Products Company began. Mr. Jones was its sole owner, and had forty-eight people on his payroll. He is now sales consultant with Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation in Franklin.

He is also president of Farmers Livestock Corporation in Southampton County, and takes a vital interest in agricultural affairs. He has a farm on which he raises purebred beef cattle. He makes a hobby of raising bird dogs, and in 1956 his Home Again Mike won him the National Amateur Bird Dog Championship.

Mr. Jones is a member of the Ruritan Club, the Cypress Cove Country Club (both of Franklin), and the Commonwealth Club of Richmond. His fraternity is Beta Theta Pi.

At Reidsville, North Carolina, on June 26, 1943, William Charles Jones married Lucy Kiker of that city, daughter of William Black and Blannie (Berry) Kiker. Mr. and Mrs. Jones became the parents of two children: 1. Patricia Ann, born April 12, 1944. 2. Melissa Ellen, born March 15, 1948.

CLINTON OTTO CRAWFORD—As president and general manager of E. O. Crawford and Sons, Inc., Clinton O. Crawford heads a widely

known furniture and appliance store, with headquarters at Effingham and King streets in downtown Portsmouth. There is also a branch at 52 Afton Parkway in suburban Cradock. Active in civic affairs, he is currently serving as president of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce.

Born in that city on July 6, 1919, he is a son of the late Ernest Otto and Bessie Lee (Williams) Crawford. Mrs. Crawford continues to maintain her home in Portsmouth. Ernest O. Crawford, who died in 1952, was long prominent in the business and civic life of Portsmouth. He was the founder of E. O. Crawford and Sons and its directing head until his death. The original owner of the business which also included the Crawford Hardware, he took his sons into partnership with him, and in 1935 the present corporate name of E. O. Crawford and Sons was adopted. In 1951 the business was incorporated, and since 1952 Clinton O. Crawford has served as president and general manager. Other officers of the firm are Ernest H. Crawford, vice president; Elbert W. Crawford, secretary and treasurer; and Stanley E. Crawford and Mrs. Bessie Lee Crawford, directors. The firm has twenty employees on its payroll.

Attending the public schools of his region, Clinton O. Crawford graduated from Churchland High School in 1937. He began his career with his father and in 1940 entered the United States Navy. He began his tour of duty as a seaman, assigned to various types of vessels, mostly cargo and supply ships in the Atlantic and Pacific. He was separated from the service on November 30, 1945, with the rank of chief boatswain's mate, United States Navy (Reserve).

Returning to civilian status, he resumed his connection with E. O. Crawford and Sons, and when his father died in 1952, succeeded him as president. A useful citizen as well as a resourceful and successful business man, he has found time to serve many civic causes. He is currently the president of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Portsmouth Kiwanis Club, and is a director of the Portsmouth Retail Merchants Association.

He is a charter member of the Elizabeth Manor Country Club. A communicant of the Port of Norfolk Baptist Church, he is a teacher in its intermediate Sunday school department.

On October 13, 1940, Clinton O. Crawford married Mary Duke, daughter of Charles A. and Hattie (Bashford) Duke of Portsmouth. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are the parents of three children: 1. Clinton Otto, Jr., born December 27, 1941. 2. Janice, born November 10, 1945. 3. Charles James, born October 27, 1950. The family resides at Elizabeth Acres in Norfolk County.

FLOYD A. TURNER and BREWER JEWELRY COMPANY, INC.—Floyd A. Turner, president of the Brewer Jewelry Company, Inc., one of the oldest and best-known jewelry businesses in the state of Virginia, was born in Suffolk, the son of Archie A. and Ida (Barnes) Turner. Archie Turner was the son of Adkins W. Turner, who was commissioner of revenue for Nansemond County for over twelve years and was a well-known farmer in this section. Ida (Barnes) Turner was the daughter of W. H. Barnes, prominent Civil War veteran and a general contractor of this area, who built the Suffolk Christian Church in 1892.

After graduating from Suffolk High School, Floyd Turner attended the Davis Wagner Business College in Norfolk. He then went to the Philadelphia College of Horology, where he learned the science of engraving and watch and jewelry repairing. On finishing his education in 1916 he went with R. L. Brewer and Son, Jewelers. In 1918, he volunteered and served in the United States Army in World War I. After the armistice, he went to work for Paul Gale Greenwood Company, Jewelers, of Norfolk, and later held a position in Augusta, Georgia. Returning to Suffolk in 1924 he bought the business firm of R. L. Brewer and Son from Colonel R. L. Brewer, Jr., changing the name to Brewer Jewelry Company, Inc. The store had been founded by Thomas W. Hannaford some years before the Civil War, and had been bought by the late R. L. Brewer, Sr., from Mr. Hannaford in 1878.

The Brewer Jewelry Company serves over four counties in Virginia and North Carolina and has a complete line of diamonds, jewelry and electrical appliances. The firm handles the Hamilton, Bulova, Elgin and Gruen watches. In the silverware line, the Gorham, Wallace, Towle, International, and Reed and Barton brands are carried. The company features a complete line of glassware as well as Castleton, Haviland, Spode and other leading makes of chinaware. The firm handles a full line of General Electric appliances, furnishing everything in this line from electric clocks to complete kitchen units. This department is managed by J. Carlton Butler, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Mabel Turner and Frederick Turner. James and Jim Porter handle the delivery service. The watch repair department is recognized as one of the best in the state. Perry Turner, brother of Floyd Turner and a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Horology, is manager of this department. He is assisted by Archie Howell, Randolph Copeland and Mrs. Randolph Bailey. Barnes Turner, another brother, has charge of the jewelry repairing and engraving.



Floyd A. Turner

Floyd Turner specializes in the sale and remounting of diamonds, carrying a complete selection of rings and loose diamonds as well as mountings to suit the individual taste. Mrs. Allie Mae Artman is in charge of the sales department, assisted by Mrs. Eunice Moore and Mrs. Alice Pond. Every effort is made to serve the customer's best interest. Miss Elmira Brewer and Mrs. Tillie Smith are in charge of the office. The many beautifully decorated windows of the Brewer Jewelry Company for a number of years were due to the artistry of Mrs. Floyd Turner. These windows several times won the first prize from the Retail Merchants Association and from the Suffolk Peanut Exposition. They also won a national prize in a Bulova Watch Company contest in which more than six hundred stores competed. The excellent window trimming is now being done by Miss Violet Griffin.

Floyd Archie Turner was married to Miss Olive Johnson, of Windsor, Virginia, daughter of W. Frederick and Novella (Roberts) Johnson. The Turners have three children: 1. Floyd Frederick, born July 8, 1926. He is now associated with the Brewer Jewelry Company. 2. Archie Johnson, born September 29, 1929. He is also associated with the Brewer Jewelry Company. 3. William Roberts, born March 9, 1939. The Turners are members of the Suffolk Christian Church, where Mr. Turner is a deacon and was superintendent of the Sunday school. He is past president of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention of the Christian Church. He is also on the board of finance of his church. He is past president of the Retail Merchants Association, member and past president of the Rotary Club, member of the Parent-Teachers Association, past commander of Post No. 57 of the American Legion at Suffolk, and a director and past president of the Chamber of Commerce.

CHESAPEAKE BUILDING ASSOCIATION

—With a history going back more than threescore years, Chesapeake Building Association is one of Norfolk's oldest financial institutions. It was organized in 1895 in the small community of Berkley, which in 1907 became a part of the city of Norfolk. The original capitalization was twenty-five thousand dollars, and Foster Black was the first president. On his resignation in 1900, Alval H. Martin was elected president and served until his death in 1918. He in turn was succeeded by Colonel Joshua J. Ottley, who served until his death in 1934. Curtis L. Old was the next president and served until his death in 1949. W. Dean Preston, who had been a member of the board of directors since 1935, was elected president to succeed Mr.

Old, and he continues as executive head of the institution.

The late Samuel W. Lyons, Jr., was secretary from 1906 until his retirement in 1949 for reasons of health. He was succeeded by the present secretary, Webb M. Townsend. The bank's oldest officer in point of service is the present treasurer, Jesse J. Parkerson, who was elected to that office in 1909. Howard G. Martin, who became a director in 1915, was vice president at the time of his death in 1954. He was succeeded by L. Hall Ames, present vice president. The present directors are Jesse J. Parkerson, George G. Martin, Jr., an attorney, W. Dean Preston, J. James Davis, an attorney, Webb M. Townsend, David T. Dunn, a realtor, L. Hall Ames, a dentist, Robert B. Rowland, Jr., an investment firm executive, William E. Warren, a banker, Job O. Belcher, a dentist, George C. White, a pharmacist, and Frank N. Wood, a banker.

From small beginnings in 1895, the Chesapeake Building Association has grown to be one of the leading building and loan firms in the Tidewater area of Virginia. It has weathered wars and depressions without ever once missing a semi-annual dividend payment, and today, with assets of more than four and one-half million dollars, is stronger than at any previous time in its history. Accounts are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, a government agency.

Loans are made by the institution only on improved real estate in the cities of South Norfolk, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, and the counties of Norfolk and Princess Anne. All property is inspected by at least three members of the board and passed on by the entire board before a loan is granted. The one hundred and twenty-first semi-annual statement, indicating condition at the close of business on March 23, 1956, shows savings and investment share accounts in the amount of four million, one hundred-fifty thousand, seven hundred forty-four dollars and ninety cents; reserved for March 30 dividends, fifty-eight thousand, forty-eight dollars and sixty cents; reserves and undivided profits, three hundred seventy-eight thousand, five hundred forty-two dollars and seventy-eight cents. The institution is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, United States Savings and Loan League and the Virginia Savings, Building and Loan League.

The new home of the Chesapeake Building Association, at 204 West Berkley Avenue, Norfolk, was formally opened on November 4, 1953. The outside of the building is Italian marble and sandstone. The interior is soundproof, air-conditioned, and furnished with new fixtures and all modern

equipment. Despite its increased size and modern methods, the institution has maintained the spirit of friendliness and close co-operation which have always been its leading characteristics. The Chesapeake Building Association looks back on the past with pride and forward to the future with confidence. We here quote Mr. W. Dean Preston, the president, in a statement made at the time the Association moved into its new home, on November 4, 1953:

We believe that careful appraisals, sound investments, conservative dividends, ample reserves and adaption of policy to changing social needs are fundamentals to fulfillment of our stewardship as the Chesapeake Building Association. We appreciate the trust you have shown us in the past, and take this opportunity to let you know that it was only through your help and cooperation that this move has been made possible.

Mr. Preston was born in Danville, Virginia, on June 3, 1889, son of Poitiaux R. and Sally (Wade) Preston. His childhood was spent in Mount Airy, North Carolina, and in 1909 he graduated from Pages School of Pharmacy at Greensboro, North Carolina, a school which was later absorbed by the University of North Carolina. He was licensed to practice pharmacy in North Carolina in 1909, and in Virginia in 1912.

In 1913, Mr. Preston established Preston's Pharmacy in South Norfolk, and the management of this store continued as his major business interest until 1946, when he sold the pharmacy to its present owner, George C. White. On retiring from the profession of pharmacy, he was appointed by Judge Edward L. Oast as real estate assessor for Norfolk County, and continued to serve in that capacity until he accepted the presidency of the Chesapeake Building Association in 1949.

He is a charter member and past president of the Tidewater Retail Drug Association, past president of the Better Business Club of South Norfolk, member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Tidewater Virginia Development Council, the Consolvo Tent of Circus Saints and Sinners of America, the lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he is a member of both the York and the Scottish Rite bodies, holds the Thirty-second degree and is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Norfolk. He is also a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and is a communicant of St. Bride's Episcopal Church, where he is a past senior warden.

In his other business activities, Mr. Preston has been a member of the board of directors of the Merchants and Planters Bank of Norfolk since 1945, and a trustee of that institution since 1949.

W. Dean Preston married Molly Whitmel Hall of Norfolk, daughter of the late William H. and Linda (Munden) Hall. Mrs. Preston is a member of St. Bride's Episcopal Church, the Women's Auxiliary of the Hermitage Club and the Norfolk Museum of Arts. Mr. and Mrs. Preston were the parents of one son, W. Dean Preston, Jr., who died November 6, 1931, while attending the Virginia Military Institute.

FRANK ELDRIDGE POPE—Since the Southampton County Bank was founded as the Bank of Drewryville, Frank E. Pope has been an official of the organization, and for the past decade he has been its president. A native of Southampton County, he was born on March 16, 1893, son of Franklin Pierce and Virginia Pearl (Mosely) Pope. His father, born in 1852, also in Southampton County, died in 1916. Miss Mosely, whom he married, was born in Charlotte County in 1870, and she died in 1896, when her son was only three years old.

He attended local public schools and Randolph-Macon College, where he took both the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in 1914. Beginning his career in the teaching profession, he taught school at Drewryville and was also principal there until 1917. For some years thereafter, he was active as a cotton ginner and merchant in Drewryville and operated his own firm, concurrently with his banking activities, until 1951. He still makes his home in Drewryville and has been postmaster there since 1941.

When the original Bank of Drewryville was formed in 1917, he was a member of its board of directors, and he served as vice president until it moved to Courtland and became the Southampton County Bank. He continued as vice president of the new bank until 1947, when he succeeded Dr. James A. Grizzard as its president. He has held the office since.

For the past twenty years, Mr. Pope has been a member of the electoral board of school trustees. A Democrat in his politics, he has served his party as district chairman for some years. He is a member of the Ruritan Club and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and attends Drewryville Methodist Church, where he is chairman of the board.

Agriculture is one of Mr. Pope's interests. He owns about two thousand acres, comprising six farms, and the chief crops produced there are peanuts, cotton, and corn. He also raises livestock. About eight hundred acres of the holding were originally his father's farm. Mr. Pope's hobby is gardening, particularly floriculture.

He is unmarried and makes his home at Drewryville.



J. E. Pope

THE SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY BANK—

On October 19, 1917, a group of Drewryville citizens met in the office of Drewry Brothers Company to take steps toward establishing a bank in the town. Among this group were Dr. James A. Grizzard, S. P. Johnson, J. W. Claud, J. P. Fox, V. R. Leigh, Joshua Leigh, Peter Thomas, J. G. Claud, R. W. Thomas, A. P. Pope, H. T. Grizzard, M. D. Grizzard, H. E. Grizzard, George H. Leigh, and F. E. Pope. Capital of ten thousand dollars was subscribed, and application was made for a charter from the State Corporation Commission. A certificate of incorporation was granted November 1, 1917, and the Bank of Drewryville opened for business November 3, in the northeast corner of the S. P. Johnson store.

The first board of directors was comprised of Jesse Lee, J. T. Brown, R. L. Grizzard, J. P. Fox, J. G. Claud, Joshua Leigh, S. P. Johnson, J. W. Claud, Dr. James A. Grizzard, and F. E. Pope, and these men elected Dr. Grizzard president of the bank; F. E. Pope, vice president; and Jesse Lee of Emporia, secretary of the board and cashier. Other small banks had either been organized or were in the process of organization during this period: The Bank of Branchville, Bank of Newsome, Bank of Sedley, and Bank of Sebel.

The Bank of Drewryville prospered from the start. Deposits the first day were between ten and fifteen thousand dollars. During the first ten years of its existence, a ten-percent annual dividend was returned to the stockholders, and the surplus increased to about eighteen thousand dollars. In 1923 a handsome new building was constructed to house the bank's operations. It was built of tapestry brick, and the furniture was of solid walnut and imported Italian marble.

A few years later the great depression struck. When Roosevelt became President in 1933, the bank's surplus had been reduced to about eight thousand dollars. An examination occurring at the time of the Bank Holiday revealed the bank to be in sound condition, and it was permitted to reopen promptly. It was required, however, to use a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the amount of \$12,500, carried on the books as preferred stock. The capital then stood at \$22,500—\$10,000 common and \$12,500 preferred.

The New Deal brought new banking policies. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was established; interest rates were sharply reduced; money became cheap; and expenses increased. It was soon apparent that a much larger volume of business was necessary in order to operate at a profit, a much larger volume than this community could provide. Under the constant prodding of the State Banking Commission the bank's

leadership was finally convinced that it must move to a larger field or ultimately discontinue operation. The town of Courtland, the county seat, was at that time without banking facilities; The Peoples Bank and the Bank of Southampton both had closed. Accordingly, Courtland offered an ideal location. The Ruritan Club of Courtland interested itself in the move and offered to sponsor and sell some stock in the new bank to Courtland citizens. This was a difficult task, since the town did not have a good banking history. However, a small amount of stock was sold, and the stockholders of the Bank of Drewryville voted reluctantly to move the bank to Courtland. A minority of them bitterly resented the move and withdrew support.

The bank's name was changed to the Southampton County Bank, and the move to Courtland was effected between sundown December 17 and sunrise December 19, 1938. It opened for business on the morning of December 19, in the old Peoples Bank building, which it had bought. Its total resources were \$118,000. Deposits were \$83,000 and loans \$72,000. The firm of W. E. Edwards and Brother made the first deposit on the morning of the 19th.

The growth of the bank since its relocation has been phenomenal. In the first decade, deposits grew from \$92,302.92 to \$1,429,068.72, and have fluctuated between this figure and \$1,900,000 since. The capital structure has changed somewhat during these years. In 1943 a stock dividend was declared—one-half share for each share held, with option to buy an additional half share. The preferred stock held by Reconstruction Finance Corporation was retired, and the capital was raised to \$35,000. In January 1955, a stock dividend of one-half share for each share was again declared, with again an option to buy an additional half share. In this operation the capital was raised to \$65,000. The surplus now is \$87,500 with undivided profits of \$18,000 and reserve for contingencies of \$10,000. Liberal dividends have been declared each year.

In January 1947, Dr. James A. Grizzard, who had headed the bank since its beginning, died, and F. E. Pope was elevated to the presidency. In December 1949, Jesse Lee retired, and Charles B. Harding of Emporia was elected to succeed him as secretary to the board and cashier. Since it had come to Courtland, the bank had been handicapped by inadequate and antiquated quarters, and in 1950 the management resolved to build a new office for the transaction of business. The present handsome structure was built by the Z. Turner Construction Company of Suffolk and was completed in April 1950. It is built of colonial brick along Williamsburg lines and is appropriately appointed through-

out with the most modern equipment available. It is tastefully decorated and comfortable in winter and summer. A gala day in the history of the bank was the formal opening of the new building on the evening of April 19, 1950.

The present management is under the direction of F. E. Pope, president, and J. W. Pulley, Sr., vice president. C. B. Harding is cashier, J. W. Fox is assistant cashier, and Misses Eunice Westbrook and Doris Best comprise their staff. The present directors are J. W. Pulley, Sr., Dr. E. F. Reese, Jr., O. H. Poates, H. B. McLemore, Jr., M. D. Grizzard, Jesse Lee, R. D. Claud, S. E. Pope, and F. E. Pope. Mr. Pope, the president, is the subject of an accompanying sketch.

The Southhampton County Bank is fully conscious of its obligation to the community which it serves and is anxious to play its part in the future development of this garden spot of the Old Dominion.

THOMAS ROLLINS WATKINS—One of Hampton's younger professional men, Thomas Rollins Watkins has practiced law at Hampton since his admittance to the bar, and is a member of the firm of Montague, Cumming and Watkins. He is a veteran of Army Air Corps service in World War II, and takes a lively interest in his city's organizational life.

A native of Newport News, he was born on December 7, 1925, son of John Henry and Mattie Lee (Rollins) Watkins. Both of his parents were born in York County, Virginia. His father, who died in 1931, was in the automobile sales field, having the franchise for the sale of Chevrolet cars at Newport News. In this enterprise he was an associate of Charles K. Hutchens, whose biographical record appears elsewhere in this work. Thomas R. Watkins attended the public schools of Newport News and graduated from high school there in June 1943. Shortly afterwards he entered the United States Army Air Corps, and remained in uniform for twenty-two months. He received his honorable discharge on November 3, 1945.

On resuming civilian life, Mr. Watkins also resumed his education, enrolling at Washington and Lee University. There he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1948, and Bachelor of Laws in 1950. On February 9 of the latter year, he was admitted to the bar, and has since practiced in Hampton. The firm of which he is a member, Montague, Cumming and Watkins, engages in general practice. Mr. Watkins is a member of the Hampton Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

He is also a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

His local memberships include the Exchange Club and the James River Country Club. He is a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton. In his politics he is a Democrat.

On March 16, 1951, in Warwick, Thomas R. Watkins married Jean Nash Fuller of that city. She is a daughter of Irving L. and Eleanor (Nash) Fuller. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins have three children: 1. Thomas R., born June 5, 1952. 2. John Henry, 2nd, born January 7, 1955. 3. Mary Boswell, born September 18, 1956.

JOSEPH GARDNER FIVEASH II, is a veteran of long experience in industrial management, having been connected with the firm of James G. Gill Company in responsible capacities for over forty-five years. He is a native of Norfolk and was born on October 10, 1882, son of Joseph Gardner and Virginia (Staylor) Fiveash. His father, a newspaper publisher and editor, joined Walter A. Edwards and J. Richard Llewellyn in founding the "Public Ledger" in August 1876. In 1905 they disposed of the paper to S. L. Slover and Harvey L. Wilson, who combined it with the "Norfolk Dispatch" (founded 1896), the predecessor of the firm which now publishes the "Norfolk Virginian-Pilot," morning and Sunday paper, and the "Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch" and the "Portsmouth Star," afternoon papers.

Mr. Fiveash served in the Coast Artillery Corps, Virginia National Guard, 1910-1912. He is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Virginia Club and the German Club, all of Norfolk, the Princess Anne Country Club of Virginia Beach, the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, and the Virginias-Seniors Golf Association. Active in Ruth Lodge No. 89, A.F. & A.M., he was Master of that lodge in 1913. He is a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk.

Joseph G. Fiveash attended the public schools of Norfolk, and in 1897 began his career as a mailing clerk with the Standard Oil Company in his native city. He was assistant bookkeeper with the Henry Walke Company, also of Norfolk, 1901-1903, and in the latter year began his connection with the S. M. Price Machinery Company, which organization he served as assistant treasurer for nearly a decade. In December 1912, Mr. Fiveash joined the James G. Gill Company Inc., of Norfolk, as treasurer; he has been identified with the firm's management ever since. He was elected president upon the death of the founder's son, D. Frank Gill, in 1937, and still holds that office today. The firm is engaged in importing and roasting coffee, and in the distribution of coffee and tea.

In Richmond, on June 8, 1929, Joseph Gardner



JOS. G. FIVEASH, SR.



Jo. L. Fincash

Fiveash was married to Frances Bland, daughter of William Henry and Anne Maria (Robinson) Robertson of Blackstone, Virginia. Mrs. Fiveash is a member of the Board of Directors of the Norfolk Day Nursery, the Infant Sanitarium and the Women's Auxiliary of the Norfolk General Hospital. She is also a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Princess Anne Country Club, the Norfolk Society of Arts, the Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Garden Club of Norfolk. The couple are the parents of a son, Joseph Gardner Fiveash III, born December 28, 1930. He was graduated from Woodberry Forest School in 1948 and Princeton University in 1952. He served three years as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and is now in the process of completing his medical education at the University of Virginia, School of Medicine.

Joseph Gardner Fiveash II is a descendant (great-grandson) of Peter Fiveash of Hampton and Charlotte Parke of Dublin, Ireland. Peter Fiveash was the son of John Fiveash of Southampton County and Rachel Tabb of Gloucester. He was sailing master of the sloop of war "Scorpion," Virginia State Navy, commanded by Captain Wright Westcott. This vessel was captured by H. M. frigate "Cerberus" under Captain Sir Jacob Wheat, and its officers and crew were carried off to prison in Bermuda. In January 1783, Sailing Master Fiveash and several of his brother officers were returned to Virginia in the Bermudian brig "Dolphin" commanded by Captain Thomas Seymour, who delivered them to Yorktown. Peter Fiveash died in Hampton in 1799. His heirs were John Wesley Fiveash (grandfather of Joseph Gardner Fiveash II), who married Mary Anne Moore of Norfolk, Alice Fiveash (married to Joseph Gardner in Norfolk), Frances Fiveash (married to Nathaniel Wilburne in Norfolk), and Benjamin Fiveash, who died without issue.

CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL—One of the practical and enterprising business leaders who are the mainstay of the Tidewater area's commercial and civic life is Charles Edward Russell, whose major interest is the distribution of oil and gasoline in Portsmouth and the surrounding region. He is president and treasurer of Charles E. Russell and Company, Inc., distributors of Pure Oil petroleum products. He is also treasurer of Charles E. Russell and Associates, Inc., a fuel-oil distributorship which has its offices at 2309 County Street.

This veteran of the petroleum products distribution business was born November 14, 1904, at Whaleyville, son of George Thomas and Effa Maria (Horton) Russell. His father was a substantial

farmer in the Whaleyville community of Nansemond County. Charles E. Russell passed his boyhood there and graduated from Whaleyville High School in 1922. To prepare himself for his business career, he took a course in stenography at Southern Shorthand Business School in Norfolk. In 1923 he joined the staff of Swift and Company at Norfolk as a stenographer. While continuing his employment with that firm for a little more than a year, he continued attending evening classes at Southern Shorthand Business School.

On November 11, 1924, he joined the Norfolk Smelting Company in West Norfolk in the capacities of stenographer and general office worker and remained there four years. At the end of that time the plant closed down for an indefinite period and Mr. Russell then turned his attention to petroleum products distribution, going on the payroll of Sinclair Refining Company at its office in Portsmouth. There he did general office work and later became a salesman. He remained with Sinclair Refining Company until 1929, then left to enter into partnership with J. W. Lawler as distributor for Pure Oil petroleum products. The partnership was dissolved seven years later. Mr. Russell, who remained distributor for Pure Oil, then founded Charles E. Russell and Company, Inc., of which he has since been president and treasurer. The firm's distributorship covers a territory comprising the city of Portsmouth and parts of Norfolk and Nansemond counties.

Charles E. Russell and Associates Inc., was later formed as a separate organization for distributing fuel oil in a territory identical with that of the older company. The headquarters of both firms are at 2309 County Street, Portsmouth.

Mr. Russell is a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Oil Jobbers Association. He serves on the board of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Portsmouth.

A conspicuous element in the philosophy of Charles E. Russell is the belief that one who gains a fair share of success in his business owes it to his community to make a commensurate effort on behalf of civic causes. His career has demonstrated exceptional foresight and progressive attitudes, particularly in his cooperation with community projects and organizations. Since 1947 he has been a member of the Norfolk County school board and is now serving as its vice chairman. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce. He is a Rotarian and a member of the Portsmouth Lodge No. 82, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Lodge No. 898, Loyal Order of Moose. A communicant of the Churchland Baptist Church, he serves on its board of deacons.

On September 30, 1939, Charles Edward Russell

married Parthenia Richardson of Portsmouth, daughter of Ira James and Mabel (Deans) Richardson. They are the parents of two children: 1. Charles Edward, Jr., born August 19, 1942. 2. Parthenia Arrington, born July 23, 1944. The family resides at Hatton Point in Norfolk County.

BARNARD EVERETT BEALE—Since his education was completed, Barnard Everett Beale has devoted his attention to the automobile sales field, which has long been a major interest in his family. He is now partner and manager of the Central Motor Company, Chrysler-Plymouth sales and service organization with headquarters at 926 High Street in Portsmouth. The agency also operates a used car department at 2011 High Street.

A Portsmouth native, Mr. Beale was born on November 23, 1907, son of Elias Linwood and Carrie J. (Stafford) Beale. Mrs. Beale is still living and makes her home in Portsmouth. Elias L. Beale, who died in 1937, was for many years prominent in the business life of Norfolk and Portsmouth. His major commercial interest over a long period was the firm of E. F. Beale and Sons, a pioneer tobacco wholesaling firm located on Commercial Place in Norfolk. This he sold to the Old Dominion Tobacco Company in 1920. In 1922 he founded Central Motor Company as a Chevrolet sales and service agency. He remained active in the management of this Portsmouth automobile firm until his death. He left a fine record of civic contributions, as well as of business achievements.

Barnard E. Beale received his early education in the public schools of Portsmouth and, after continuing his studies at Woodrow Wilson High School for two years, went to Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Virginia, to complete his preparatory studies. There he graduated with the Class of 1928. At that time he began his career in the automobile sales business in association with his father at Central Motor Company. This firm now has a successful record of thirty-five years as a sales agency and, as noted above, began its existence with the Chevrolet franchise. Barnard E. Beale has been in charge since his father's death in 1937, and in 1945 he acquired the authorized dealership for Chrysler and Plymouth automobiles. Trading in two of the cars most widely recognized in the industry for their engineering, design, and quality of production, he has further built up his volume of trade through his sound business sense and his progressive spirit. His long experience and devotion to the business have likewise contributed to giving him a place of leadership in his chosen occupation. The sales and service organization he directs employs skilled and highly trained sales and service personnel, and the company has the complete panoply of factory-

approved equipment, which, used in a conscientious and workmanlike way, has earned the garage the confidence of motorists throughout the region. Mr. Beale's firm has an excellent record in employee relations, and the loyalty of his workers has played its part in Central Motor Company's success.

Mr. Beale is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Automobile Dealers Association, the Automotive Trade Association of Virginia, the National Automobile Dealers Association, the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, and the Retail Merchants Association of that city. Apart from his trade connections, he is a charter member of the Lions Club of Portsmouth, which he served as president in 1935. He serves on the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and is also a member of the board of the Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club, which he served as president from 1952 to 1954. His favorite outdoor sport is golf. He and his family are members of the Court Street Baptist Church in Portsmouth.

On October 11, 1930, in that city, Barnard Everett Beale married Helen Bartlett of Portsmouth, daughter of Charles A. and Lee (Pettit) Bartlett. The couple are the parents of four children: 1. Joyce Mae, born November 11, 1932. She is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and attended the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg. 2. Lloyd Linwood, born November 2, 1934. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in June 1953 and is now completing courses at Duke University, where he is majoring in electrical engineering. He married Shelley Conway Smith, daughter of the late Dr. Conway B. and Naomi (Shelley) Smith of Portsmouth. Her father was a dentist in Portsmouth. 3. Barnard Everett, Jr., born May 11, 1942. He is attending Woodrow Wilson High School. 4. Judith Lee, born June 15, 1947; now attending Westhaven Elementary School. The family's home is at 4708 Westmoreland Terrace, Portsmouth.

ROBERT CAMP RAY—After his return from service as a field artillery officer in World War II, Robert Camp Ray founded the Franklin Concrete Products Corporation at Franklin, and has since been its president. He is also a leader in community affairs, and has held office in local organizations.

Born at Norfolk on November 11, 1917, he is a son of Dr. Burton J. and Sallie S. (Camp) Ray. His father served for many years as secretary and treasurer of the Camp Manufacturing Company, and he now holds the same offices in Franklin Concrete Products Corporation. Attending the public schools of his home city, Robert Camp Ray graduated from high school there in



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1934. He took additional courses at Woodberry Forest Preparatory School at Orange, before entering Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York. There he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1940.

That same year, Mr. Ray entered military service and remained in uniform until 1945. Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery, he served in a unit which became a component of the Third Army in Europe, and advanced in rank to major, which commission he held at the time of his honorable discharge in 1945.

Returning to civilian life, he located at Franklin, where in March 1946, he founded the Franklin Concrete Products Corporation. This firm specializes in the manufacture of concrete pipes and blocks, and produces ready-mix concrete. It also deals in building supplies. It has grown steadily and rapidly throughout the decade of its existence. Plant and offices are located on Carrsville Road in Franklin. Robert C. Ray has been president of the corporation since he founded it. His father is the other executive officer.

Active in Rotary, Robert C. Ray was president of the local club during the 1954-1955 term. He was the Cypress Cove Country Club's vice president for 1956. His fraternity is Phi Delta Theta, and he is a communicant of the Franklin Baptist Church, which he formerly served as chairman of the board of deacons. Among the outdoor sports, the Franklin executive is partial to boating.

The year after he completed his courses at Cornell University, Robert C. Ray returned to Ithaca to marry June A. Miller, of nearby Hornell, New York. She is the daughter of Herman A. and Florence A. (Tucker) Miller, both living. Mr. and Mrs. Ray have two adopted sons: 1. Richard Hull, born June 3, 1951. 2. Robert Burton, born January 28, 1954.

LCNNIE L. DOUGHTY—After varied experience in the automobile sales field covering a period of two decades, Lonnie L. Doughty became Franklin's dealer in Buick cars. His agency has prospered and now occupies an attractive new sales and service center at 208 South Street. Mr. Doughty takes a full part in civic and fraternal activities and in church and community life generally.

He is a native of New Bern, North Carolina, and was born on September 14, 1909, son of Herbert Bradford and Janie (Bell) Doughty. His father is deceased, but his mother is still living. After attending the public schools of Greenville, North Carolina, Lonnie L. Doughty graduated from high school, after three years as a student

there, and entered the United States Navy in October 1926. He remained in uniform until September 1930, and when he returned to civilian life, became a salesman with the Commodore Jewelry Company, working out of Norfolk over the next two years.

In 1931 he became a partner in a jewelry business at Norfolk, the retail firm of Shackelford's, Inc., and remained until 1933. Since 1934, he has been active in the automobile retailing field. In February 1946, he entered the used car sales field, with headquarters at Portsmouth, where he remained until March 1947. He then located at Franklin, where he held the franchise for the sale of Dodge and Plymouth cars until 1951, operating as the Franklin Motor Company, Inc., in partnership with E. C. Midkiff. From 1951 to 1954, he was again in the used-car business at Portsmouth. In the latter year, he received the franchise for the sale of Buicks at Franklin and established his agency in that city under the name of Doughty Buick. The car which he chose to represent has made an exceptional sales record in the last few years, outselling other cars in its price range and even surpassing some in the low-price field. Mr. Doughty has attracted his share of this business and has earned the confidence of his fellow citizens through his capable business management and ethical practices. His new headquarters on South Street in Franklin was recently completed. He has ten employees on his payroll.

In addition to automobile retailers' groups, Mr. Doughty is a member of a number of local organizations, including the Lions Club and Franklin Lodge No. 151, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the higher bodies of Masonry, including Mount Nebo Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Suffolk, and Portsmouth Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He belongs to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Norfolk. He is also a member of the Cypress Cove Country Club and attends High Street Methodist Church. In his politics, Mr. Doughty is a Democrat.

Lonnie L. Doughty has been twice married. He married, first, on September 8, 1930, Florence Hare, who died in 1935. They became the parents of a daughter: Dorothy Elaine, who is now the wife of Harold Burkhart and the mother of a child, Lisa Ann. At Suffolk on September 6, 1936, Mr. Doughty married, second, Mildred Williams of that city, and they are the parents of three children: Linda Lee, Carolyn Sue, and Mary Gwendolyn.

REUBEN F. TRANT, JR.—As president of R. F. Trant Distributing Corporation, with headquar-

ters at 924 West Twenty-first Street, Norfolk. Reuben F. Trant, Jr., heads one of the region's major radio, television and appliance sales organizations. He is a man of many interests, which include farming, work with youth and on behalf of a number of local organizations.

Mr. Trant comes to the Lower Tidewater area from Dayton, Ohio, where he was born on January 19, 1916. He is a son of Reuben F., Sr., and Thirza (Brown) Trant. His mother too was born in Dayton, Ohio, but his father's family had been Tidewater residents, and the elder Reuben F. Trant was born in Portsmouth. He organized R. F. Trant, Inc., in 1916, and it became a leading wholesale distributor of Delco products, Frigidaire refrigerators and other electrical lines. Of that firm, the predecessor of the present R. F. Trant Distributing Corporation, he remained the executive head until his death, which occurred on October 28, 1952, in his sixty-eighth year. Thirza (Brown) Trant survives him and resides in Princess Anne County.

The younger Reuben F. Trant received his education at Norfolk Academy and Virginia Military Institute where he graduated in 1935 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, being then only twenty years of age. He then went to the University of Pennsylvania to enroll for graduate courses, and took the degree of Master of Science in Business Administration there in 1937.

He then joined General Motors Acceptance Corporation at Charlotte, North Carolina, and remained with that organization until 1941, when he entered the United States Army. Commissioned a first lieutenant, he served in North Africa and in Sicily. He was transferred from the Mediterranean Theater to England, and from there accompanied our victorious troops into France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, being in front-line combat zones with the 19th Corps, component of the First Army. He was slightly wounded in the course of this final assault on Hitler's Fortress Europa, and was separated from the service on January 25, 1946, holding the rank of captain at that time.

On resuming civilian life, he came back to Norfolk and joined his father. When the elder man died, he reorganized R. F. Trant Distributing Corporation under its present title. R. F. Trant, Inc., remains in existence, however, as a holding company, while R. F. Trant Distributing Corporation is the operating company selling Admiral appliances, radios and television units throughout half of the state of Virginia and the eastern coast of North Carolina (twenty-six counties). He is also agent for the Coleman line of oil and gas residential heating and air conditioning units.

Headquarters is at the West Twenty-first Street address, and there is a branch office and a warehouse in Richmond. In all, there are forty people on Mr. Trant's payroll.

The Trant family interests also include the ownership of the Building Supplies Corporation of which Reuben F. Trant, Jr., is president. He is trustee of a trust which operates farm properties, having a valuable herd of registered Holstein cattle and some Guernseys, and operating a dairy, at acreage near Lynnhaven, Virginia.

In his own city, Mr. Trant is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion post and the Princess Anne Country Club. During the 1956 term he served as chairman of the Seaboard Council of the Boy Scouts of America. A Presbyterian, he serves on the board of deacons of his church. Chess is one of Mr. Trant's hobbies, and his favorite outdoor sports are fishing and boating. He greatly enjoys the hours spent in his outboard motor boat.

On January 26, 1946, Reuben F. Trant, Jr., married Mattie Bishop, daughter of Alexander E. and Sara (Griffin) Bishop. Her father, who was with Seaboard Air Line Railway, died in the early thirties. Mrs. Bishop makes her home at Gastonia, North Carolina. Mattie (Bishop) Trant died on May 24, 1956. In her death the community lost one of its most effective and valued civic, organizational and welfare workers. She had worked closely with the St. Mary's Infants' Home, and was co-founder of the Princess Anne Unit of the American Cancer Society. She had served as chairman of the March of Dimes program, was a leader in the Girl Scouts, and had held offices in the Princess Anne Women's Club. She had recently been chosen Outstanding Woman of the Year in her community. The couple were the parents of two children: 1. Reuben F., III, who was born on July 1, 1951. 2. Alexander McQueen, born April 26, 1955. Mr. Trant makes his home at London Bridge, in Princess Anne County.

WILLIAM BOISSEAU ALLEN—Until his retirement, William Boisseau Allen of Suffolk headed the firm of R. R. Allen and Son, which has engaged in the hardware business, under the direction of successive members of the same family for over a century. He also has banking interests, and has taken a full part in community life.

Born at Suffolk on September 25, 1893, he is a son of Robert Riddick and Frances Jones (Cosby) Allen. His father, owner of the hardware store in his generation, was a veteran of service in the Confederate cause, having been with Company C of the 13th Virginia Cavalry, in which

he enlisted while very young. William B. Allen attended a private school in Suffolk, and Bedford Boys' School at Bedford, Virginia. He took his advanced studies at the University of Virginia, and in 1920 entered the family business.

He became owner and manager of R. R. Allen and Son in 1920, and continued at its head until he retired and was succeeded by his son, Robert R. Allen, 2nd, whose biographical sketch accompanies. The elder Mr. Allen is also retired from the board of directors of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond.

During World War I, he served with the 115th Ambulance Company and 104th Sanitary Train, units of the 29th Division. He was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, arriving in that country in July 1918.

As a veteran, he is a member of the American Legion, and he also belongs to the Rotary Club and the Jolly Boys Club. He is a communicant of the Main Street Methodist Church in Suffolk, and is a Democrat in his politics.

In his native city on May 6, 1918, William Boisseau Allen married Virginia Hamilton Wright, daughter of William Johnson and Anna Lloyd (Gold) Wright. The couple make their home at 610 Jones Street, Suffolk. They are the parents of two children: 1. Robert Riddick, 2nd, who was born on March 14, 1924. He now heads the family firm and his sketch accompanies. 2. William Boisseau, Jr., born on July 28, 1930.

ROBERT RIDDICK ALLEN, 2nd—Head of the long-established firm of R. R. Allen and Son, Inc., Robert Riddick Allen has been engaged in the hardware, glass and appliance business at Suffolk since the beginning of his career. He is a veteran of wartime service in an armored division, and takes an active part in local civic and organizational affairs.

Born at Suffolk on March 14, 1924, he is a son of William Boisseau and Virginia Hamilton (Wright) Allen. His father, who spent many years of his life as owner and manager of R. R. Allen and Son, Inc., is now retired. He is the subject of an accompanying biography.

Attending local public schools, Robert R. Allen, 2nd, graduated from Augusta Military Academy at Fort Defiance, Virginia. He spent one year at the University of Virginia, and has taken extension courses at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and William and Mary College.

He joined his father's firm, R. R. Allen and Son, Inc., in 1948, in the capacity of salesman, and has been manager since his father's retirement. Absent at the time of World War II, he entered military service on July 10, 1943, and served in England, France, and Germany with the

Ninth Armored Division. Assigned to a sixty-millimeter-mortar crew, he was credited with effective work in action against the enemy, and he performed a number of reconnaissance patrols under combat conditions. Since his return, Mr. Allen has been active in the American Legion post at Suffolk. He is also a member of the Ruritan Club at Chuckatuck. He is a communicant of the Methodist Church of Chuckatuck.

On October 15, 1947, at Driver, Virginia, Robert Riddick Allen, 2nd, married Martha Edwards, daughter of James Lide, Jr., and Fannie Maie (Newsome) Edwards. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Patricia Edwards, who was born on November 18, 1948. 2. Robert Riddick, 3rd, born on January 11, 1953.

MAURICE LAMAR AKERS—A veteran of many years' experience in the beverage distributing industry, Maurice Lamar Akers built up the successful Newport News organization, the Akers Beverage Company, which his son, M. L. Akers, Jr., is now largely responsible for managing. His other interests have included banking, lodge activities, and the service of his church.

He was born in Franklin on June 8, 1886. His father was a contractor. Maurice L. Akers attended Franklin public schools, but as a boy came to Newport News, where for several years he was associated with his brother, Gaston Akers, in the laundry business. He left this connection to become a partner in the Roberts-Akers Advertising Agency, with which he continued for a number of years.

In 1919 he entered business for himself with the organization of his present firm, Akers Beverage Company. The concern began its existence as a manufacturer of carbonated soft drinks, which it produced and distributed under its own trade name. For the past twenty-two years, however, Akers Beverage Company has represented the Pabst Brewing Company as its local distributorship, and in 1945 it discontinued the production and sale of its own soft drinks to devote full attention to acting as agent for the nationally known firm of brewers. For reasons of health, the founder, Maurice L. Akers, Sr., is now semi-retired, and his son, Maurice L., Jr., carries most of the executive duties.

For a number of years, Maurice L. Akers, Sr., served on the board of directors of the Citizens Marine Jefferson Bank in Newport News. He is a member of Newport News Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and attends Grace Methodist Church, where for many years he served on the board of stewards.

In 1914 in Newport News, Maurice Lamar Akers, Sr., married Olga Lohse of that city, daughter of George Lohse. The couple are the

parents of the following children: 1. Maurice Lamar, Jr., who was born in Newport News on June 26, 1916. He attended the Newport News elementary and high schools, and the apprentice school of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for four years, then joined his father in the beverage distribution business, in which he has been engaged since 1947. He is now manager of the Akers Beverage Company. Maurice L. Akers, Jr., married June Wilkinson of Newport News on March 9, 1941, and they have four daughters: i. Judy. ii. Betsy. iii. Bonnie. iv. Susan. 2. Olga Belle. She married John Abbitt, and they have four sons: John, Keeler, Ranny, and Alfred. 3. Kennedy C., who is also associated with his father in business, besides which he is president of the Riverdrive Beach Corporation. He married Thelma Deal of Newport News, and they have three daughters: Paul, Ken, and Sylvia and one son: Kenneth C., Jr.

G. ALLEN HOUSE's major business interest for the past decade and more has centered in his partnership in the Suffolk Equipment Company. This firm has established a thriving business in the sale of farm implements and motor trucks and also holds the agency for the sale of Packard automobiles.

Son of Dr. George W. House, an optometrist, and his wife, the former Dollie Vaughan, Mr. House was born in Dyer County, Tennessee, on August 12, 1903. Both of his parents were also native Tennesseans, his father having been born in Wealley County, and his mother, in Dyer County. Both are deceased. The Suffolk business leader received his early education in the public schools of Newbern, Tennessee, and graduated from high school there in 1921. For his advanced studies he went to William Jewell College at Liberty, Missouri, and there received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1926.

He began his career as a teacher, teaching in the public schools of his native Dyer County for two years. Leaving to enter private industry, he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he entered the pharmaceutical firm of Bauer and Black, working in its sales department for three years. At the end of that time he joined International Harvester Company and worked for twelve years in its credit department, spending some time in each of its offices in Memphis, Tennessee; Louisville, Kentucky, and Richmond, Virginia.

In 1943 Mr. House came to Suffolk, where he joined J. S. Jones in a partnership managing the Suffolk Equipment Company. They have been dealers in farm equipment and motor trucks produced by International Harvester since that time. Selling Packard cars since 1953, they recently opened new showrooms in a modern brick

building located on Windsor Road. Their firm has eighteen people on its payroll.

Mr. House is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and in his own city belongs to the Lions Club and Lodge No. 685 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A communicant of the Baptist Church, he serves as a deacon. He is a Democrat in his politics. He is fond of outdoor sports, golf, hunting, and fishing being his favorites.

At the Little Church Around the Corner in New York City on June 3, 1930, G. Allen House married Laura Finley, of Finley, Tennessee, daughter of Robert C. and Effie (Wheeler) Finley. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. G. Allen, Jr., who was born on October 28, 1931. 2. Laura Anne, born March 22, 1936. 3. Robert Vaughan, born March 1, 1943.

GEORGE W. PRICE, III—In Norfolk and Princess Anne counties, a name well known in the general contracting field is that of George W. Price, III. Co-partner and co-founder of the A and P Construction Company, which maintains headquarters at 419 West Twenty-second Street, Norfolk, Mr. Price is heavily engaged in government, industrial and commercial building operations. Technically trained, he has been with the United States Coast Guard and with the Norfolk-Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Mr. Price was born in Norfolk on August 30, 1918, the son of George W. and Lillian (Monk) Price. His father, also a native of Norfolk, is now assistant director of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Born in 1898, he has made his entire career in his native city. For many years he was associated with the Price Transfer Company, founded by his own father, the first George W. Price. For a time he was an official in the Norfolk Division of the Works Progress Administration and later in the Wages and Hours Administration. He has been with the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority since 1942. His wife is a native of upper New York State.

George W. Price, III, was graduated from Maury High School with the Class of 1938. After a period in the Norfolk Division of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, he spent one semester at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. In 1942, he was commissioned an ensign in the United States Coast Guard.

Mr. Price's first experience in his present field was with the Tidewater Construction Company. He worked for this company from 1945 to 1948. The next four years were spent with the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority. In 1952 Mr. Price and V. K. Almond, Jr., founded the A and P Construction Company, which has since completed major contracts in Norfolk, Portsmouth and



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various communities in Princess Anne County. Mr. Price is a member of the Sertoma Club, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and Norfolk Yacht Club. He is a sailing enthusiast, with a sailboat of his own. Another hobby is woodworking.

On May 28, 1942, in Norfolk, Mr. Price married Virginia Rider, daughter of Lieutenant Commander Frederick and Lucy (Wetzel) Rider. Commander Rider, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, served for many years in the United States Navy and was actively engaged in several wars. He retired in 1945. His wife is a native of Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Price have two daughters: 1. Julia Rider, born on November 9, 1944. 2. Linda Lee, born on August 17, 1953. The Price family home is at 7725 Newport Avenue, Norfolk.

EUGENE B. MEEKINS—A business firm well known on the Virginia Peninsula is the Warwick Plumbing and Heating Company, with plant and offices at 410 Center Avenue, Warwick. Of this firm Eugene B. Meekins, who has had considerable experience in various parts of the region, is president. He has a reputation for his interest in the growth and prosperity of Warwick and for his work in religious circles.

Mr. Meekins was born in Washington, North Carolina, on September 10, 1902, the son of John R. and Bessie E. (Clifton) Meekins. John R. Meekins, now deceased, was city clerk of Washington for many years. Bessie Meekins died in 1957.

Eugene B. Meekins attended elementary and high schools in his native city. He learned the plumbing and heating trade there. In World War I, he came to the Lower Tidewater to work at his trade for the Moon Shipbuilding Company in Norfolk. He spent two years with this company and then returned to Washington, North Carolina, where he followed his trade until 1941.

Since then he has been active in the Newport News area. For about three years he was employed by various plumbing and heating contractors. In 1944, he launched his own enterprise, the Village Plumbing and Heating Company, in Warwick. In 1952, he was appointed an executive of the Hilton Corporation, also in Warwick, and in 1954 he became president of the Warwick Plumbing and Heating Company. This firm employs forty persons and handles many large contracts on the Peninsula. Through the firm Mr. Meekins is a member of the Peninsula Master Plumbers Association. He is also a member of the Lions Club of Warwick and serves on the board of deacons of the Hilton Christian Church.

Mr. Meekins married Ruby Toler, also a native of Washington, North Carolina, in that city on June 10, 1936. Her parents are the Reverend Duffy

Toler, a Baptist minister, and Mamie (Edwards) Toler. Mr. and Mrs. Meekins have one son: Eugene B., Jr., born in Washington, North Carolina, on February 5, 1939. Their home is at 219 Hurley Avenue, Warwick.

CHARLES FENTON GARNER—"Isle of Wight County has been the seat of the birth of many fine lads, who found their way across the river James in their youth and liked this side so well that they could not refrain from remaining," says an account of Charles Fenton Garner in a Newport News publication. "Just such was the case of one of Newport News' leading and worthwhile citizens of today, Mr. Charles Fenton Garner, who at the age of twenty-three, settled on the Peninsula." Today the name of Garner is closely identified with an ever-growing business, Dawn Dry Cleaners and Launderers, whose slogans, "Dawn Brings Happy Days" and "The Voice of Cleanliness," are literally household words on the Peninsula. As president and general manager of this company, Mr. Garner has not only guided an important business to unusual success but contributed in numerous ways to the growth and welfare of Newport News.

Mr. Garner was born on a farm in Isle of Wight County on May 4, 1894. His parents, also natives of that county, were Charles Walter Garner, a prosperous farmer, and Hattie May (Whitley) Garner. He was educated in a public school in Isle of Wight Court House. For a time he was employed by the P. D. Gwaltney, Jr., and Company grocery in Smithfield, but later he established a grocery business of his own in the same community, known as the C. F. Garner Grocery. This he operated for two years.

Knowing he could not be satisfied with a small town business, C. F., as he is known to his best friends, crossed the James and went to work for the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. But he kept this employment only a short time. He wanted a business of his own and soon he had it—the Newport News Wet Wash Corporation. Starting operations in October 1918, the firm was located at the Municipal Boat Harbor and housed in what was known as the City Market Building. However, Mr. Garner was not the only owner of this enterprise. There were six other equal stockholders—A. L. Bivins, P. W. Murray, F. L. Stokes, the late Compton Gay, D. R. Blalock and the late W. N. M. Jones. At the end of a two-year period, C. F. Garner and his brother, Walter G. Garner, purchased the entire stock. In 1926 they merged with the Marine Laundry.

In 1928 the firm moved to its present site at 830 Twenty-fifth Street. The laundry was in a small frame building. For one year the brothers operated

under the temporary name of Elite Laundry. Then it became the Newport News Laundry Corporation. Mr. Garner says, "we trade-marked our services in 1935 and became known as Dawn Dry Cleaners and Launderers." And along with the trade-mark and firm name of Dawn came the slogans "Dawn Brings Happy Days" and "The Voice of Cleanliness," which helped increase business to such extent that an expansion which has never stopped was begun at that time.

In the course of time, the brothers organized the G. and G. Coal Company and in 1946 took over the Hampton Steam Laundry, located on West Queen Street, Hampton, which they modernized and improved in many ways. Today, C. F. Garner and W. G. Garner are the executive officers of Dawn Dry Cleaners and Launderers, Hampton Steam Laundry, and G. and G. Coal Company. In 1919, Dawn operated with two trucks. Today it has twenty trucks and cars. The small frame building of 1926 has been enlarged from all sides until it covers a vast territory. When the business was opened at the present site, the company had a personnel of thirty; today there are approximately one hundred and fifty persons on the payroll. Among these is the president's son, Charles F. Garner, Jr., assistant superintendent of the plant.

With the years, too, various branches have been added to the plant. In 1934, Zoric dry cleaning was started, along with moth-proofing and water-proofing. For many years the invisible marking system, with half-inch markings that cannot be detected except under fluorescent dark ray lamp, has been in use. Hand treatment is given to all fine linens, so that Dawn frequently washes antiques valued at as much as twenty-two hundred dollars. Then there is the "Muroza," the feather-pillow cleaning machine and many, many other dry cleaning and laundry services. In the office there is the control machine, the second in the state, which prints the office record, driver's record, customer's record and detailed record of each bundle, and many other innovations.

C. F. Garner has membership in many laundry trade and business organizations and also in the Newport News Lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Rotary Club of Newport News; Propeller Club, James River Country Club, and the American Rose and Virginia Peninsula Rose societies. As must be recognized from his membership in the latter two, the growing and showing of roses is his hobby. He has won numerous awards in his hobby, including the J. Horace McFarland Memorial National Trophy. He is a Democrat and is a member of the Chestnut Avenue Methodist Church.

C. F. Garner married Effie Godwin, also a native

of Isle of Wight County, at Smithfield on November 28, 1917. They have two children: 1. Charles F., Jr., born on December 14, 1920, who is now associated with his father and uncle in the laundry business. He married Sylvia Greene of Spokane, Washington, and is the father of one daughter, Carole. 2. Mildred Lawson, now Mrs. W. H. Waters, Jr., and mother of one son, William H., III.

WALTER GLOVER GARNER—Over the past two decades, which he has spent with the Newport News Laundry Corporation, Walter Glover Garner has advanced to the position of secretary-treasurer of the corporation, and general manager of the Dawn Dry Cleaners and Launderers, which it operates. He has played an active role in the organizational affairs of his city.

A native of Isle of Wight County, he was born on March 23, 1899, son of Charles Walter and Hattie (Whitley) Garner. His parents were farming people. Walter G. Garner attended the public schools of Isle of Wight, and the Isle of Wight High School. In the war year 1918, he started work at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. He left there in 1925 to enter the employ of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia. He worked for this firm for twelve years, and during ten years of that time he was assistant district manager.

In 1937 he formed his connection with Dawn Dry Cleaners and Launderers, operated by the Newport News Laundry Corporation. He has been with this firm continuously since, and holds positions of secretary-treasurer and general manager.

Active in the Kiwanis Club of Newport News, Mr. Garner served as its president in 1950. He is a member of the Executives Club, and the lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. A member of the higher bodies of Masonry, he holds the Thirty-second degree and is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the First Presbyterian Church of Newport News.

In that city, on June 21, 1928, Walter Glover Garner married Virginia Stannard Kirby, daughter of William Thomas and Amelia (Mallett) Kirby. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Walter Glover, Jr., who was born on February 4, 1933. 2. Wallace Kirby, born September 22, 1930.

JOHN MARION STOKLEY—A pioneer organization of its type in the Lower Tidewater region, Stokley's Services, Inc., with its predecessors, has had over three decades' experience in the air



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conditioning and refrigeration contracting field. Its executive head is John Marion Stokley, who incorporated the firm in 1938 and has since served as president.

He is a native of Roseville, Ohio, and was born on February 22, 1901, son of Marion and Daisy (Russell) Stokley. Both parents were born in Perry County, Ohio, in which Roseville is located. Marion Stokley is now retired after a long career as a merchant. He operated a grocery and meat market in Cambridge, Ohio, and still lives there, being ninety years of age at the time of writing. Daisy (Russell) Stokley is also still living, at the age of eighty-three. This couple were the parents of twelve children, of whom nine are living. One is a professor at Notre Dame, another also follows the teaching profession, and another is a publisher.

Receiving his public school education at Cambridge, John M. Stokley supplemented his regular courses with evening classes. In his early years he gained experience in various occupations, working in coal mines, cattle ranching, and holding jobs in the oil fields and in the railway shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1923 he joined the Delco Light Company at its Dayton factory, and the following year was transferred to Cleveland. He remained there until 1928, when he was transferred to Norfolk.

A short time afterwards, Mr. Stokley left the Delco Light Company to join R. F. Trant, Inc., and he was service and commercial manager with this organization until 1937. He then went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for one year as commercial manager with the Ludwig Honnell Company. At the end of that time he returned to Norfolk, and there organized an air conditioning and refrigeration business under his own name. Its headquarters are at 4000 Colley Avenue. Stokley's Services, Inc., also contracts for heating installations, and acts as franchised distributors and contractors for Westinghouse Air Conditioning, Curtis Condensing Units and Kawneer Kawport products. It is the franchised dealer for Westinghouse appliances in the Norfolk area. It serves people in the Tidewater area and in eastern North Carolina, and employs twenty-three people.

Besides this major business interest, Mr. Stokley is secretary and treasurer of Acme Sheet Metal Corporation, in which he has a controlling interest. Well-known and respected in trade circles, he is currently serving as treasurer of the Subcontractors Association of Virginia, and was the first president of the Electric League of Norfolk. He is a member of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, and the American Society of Refrigeration Engineers.

Mr. Stokley has done useful work in community

causes. He is vice chairman of the lay advisory board of the DePaul Hospital. A Roman Catholic and a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church, he is a member and past president of the Ryan Club. His other memberships include the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Princess Anne Country Club, Cavalier Beach Club, and Circus Saints and Sinners. Fishing and golf are his favorite sports. He is an independent in his politics.

On April 4, 1921, John Marion Stokley married Freda Irene James, daughter of George and Barbara (Shuttleworth) James. Both of her parents were born in Hocking, Ohio. He died in 1948 at the age of seventy-nine. Mrs. James survives him and makes her home in Pleasant City, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Stokley are the parents of two daughters: 1. Marian, who was born on June 20, 1922. On April 16, 1948, she became the wife of Hugh W. Brinkley. They have two children: i. Barbara, born on March 3, 1950. ii. John Wade, born November 7, 1951. 2. Mary Constance, born on November 27, 1934. She married, April 28, 1956, John H. Shortt, who is now in the army. Mrs. Stokley was formerly active in the Red Cross Motor Corps, and she serves on the board of St. Mary's Infants' Home. She is active in the King's Daughters, and is eligible for membership in the Daughters of Isabelle. The couple live at 7438 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk.

ANGUS I. HINES, JR.—Since the beginning of his career, Angus I. Hines, Jr., has been identified with the oil distributing firm which bears the Hines name, and which has its headquarters in Suffolk. The organization has built up an effective distributorship, which now has a branch at Smithfield. Mr. Hines is a veteran of the maritime service in World War II, and is active in local organizations and in his church.

Born at Suffolk on August 7, 1923, he is a son of Angus I., Sr., and Lois (Howell) Hines. His father, who was born in Southampton County in 1894, entered the oil business at Suffolk, establishing the firm of Angus I. Hines, Inc., to which he gave his name.

His son has been interested in the same field of endeavor since the beginning of his business career. Receiving his early education in the public schools of Suffolk, he graduated from high school there in 1941, and took further studies at Augusta Military Academy before entering Georgia School of Technology. He concluded his formal education with a year at R. C. A. Institute in New York City. Before he had time to begin his career, he entered the wartime service of his country with the Merchant Marine, in which he served for two years and a half.

In 1945 he joined his father in the oil distributing business. His organization acted as distributor for the products of The Texas Company in the Lower Tidewater area. The elder Angus I. Hines had founded a distributorship in 1923, and headed it until his death on July 24, 1953. Following his death the firm was incorporated as Angus I. Hines, Inc. Lois H. Hines is its president, James P. Harris is vice president, and Angus I. Hines, Jr., is secretary and treasurer. The firm employs fourteen people and its headquarters is in Suffolk. They operate a branch at Smithfield, identified by its own name as the Smithfield Oil Company. The firm operates eight mobile units on the road, and for modern and efficient service, these are equipped with two-way radio.

Mr. Hines is a Rotarian, and a member of Hiram Lodge No. 340, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the higher bodies of Masonry, and is past high priest of Mount Nebo Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and a member of Portsmouth Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Norfolk. Attending the Main Street Methodist Church at Suffolk, he serves on its board of stewards. Mr. Hines is fond of the out-of-doors, and his favorite sport is boating.

At Reidsville, North Carolina, on November 24, 1949, Angus I. Hines, Jr., married Genevieve H. McCollum of that city, daughter of William E. and Genevieve (Hopkins) McCollum. Mr. and Mrs. Hines have one daughter, Ann Russell, who was born on August 20, 1953.

FRANK REEVES WATKINS—One of the Tidewater Area's younger attorneys, Frank Reeves Watkins has practiced at Suffolk since his admittance to the bar. He is a veteran of Marine Corps service in World War II.

Born at Alexandria on May 1, 1925, he is a son of Earl Everett and Ohley Virginia (Purvis) Watkins. His father, a native of Bokosha, Oklahoma, was a railroad fireman. He died in March 1930, but Mrs. Watkins is still living. She, like her son, is a native of Alexandria.

Mr. Watkins began his education in the public schools of that city and completed his preparatory studies at Harrova Military Academy at Chatham, where he graduated in 1943. In August of that year he enlisted for service in the United States Marines and served until February 1946. Of his period in uniform, eight months were spent in the South Pacific Theater of Operations.

After the war he resumed his education and in 1952 received his degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Virginia. Admitted to the bar that same year, he has since practiced in

Suffolk. He conducts a general practice, with offices at 110 North Saratoga Street. He is a member of the Suffolk-Nansemond County Bar Association and the Virginia Bar Association, as well as Delta Theta Phi, legal fraternity. His social fraternity is Sigma Chi.

Mr. Watkins is a Democrat in his political views, and he attends the Main Street Methodist Church. Fond of the out-of-doors, his favorite sport is hunting, and he also enjoys the quieter avocations of reading and woodworking.

At Rockville, Maryland, on June 4, 1946, Frank R. Watkins married Marion E. Brawner of Alexandria, daughter of Elwin I. and Ora (Dickert) Brawner. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are the parents of three children: 1. Robert R., II, who was born on March 31, 1947. 2. Rebecca Lee, born November 24, 1949. 3. Cornelia Chappel, born February 4, 1952.

WELDON T. BYRNS—As an electrical contractor, Weldon T. Byrns heads his own firm with offices at 217 East Little Creek Road, Norfolk. He is a native of Mathews County, and was born on September 7, 1914, son of James E. and Annie (Corney) Byrns. His mother too was born in Mathews County, but his father came to the state from Newark, New Jersey. He was a seafaring man, serving as a steward aboard ship all of his working life. He died in 1954 at the age of eighty-four, and Mrs. Byrns in her seventy-sixth year in 1955.

Receiving his public school education in Mathews County, Weldon T. Byrns graduated from high school there. At the outset of his career, he took to the sea as his father had done, but in 1934 he focused his attention in the field which he has since followed, that of electrical contracting. He apprenticed himself to a contractor in Norfolk, and worked for about ten years as electrician, superintendent and foreman. In 1945 he started his own business under the name of W. T. Byrns, Electrical Contractor, and has headed his own firm since that time. He bought the building which he now occupies in 1947. He has thirty five people on his payroll, and his contracts carry him and his trained workers to all parts of the state.

A second business enterprise in which Mr. Byrns owns a half-interest is a trailer court in Norfolk. He is active in Masonry, being a member of Ocean View Blue Lodge No. 335 and higher bodies of Masonry. Holding the Thirty-second degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, he is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Wards Corner Lions Club and Lafayette Yacht Club. Mr. Byrns attends the Baptist Church.



J. W. Byrnes

He is an independent in political matters, voting for the man or the issue without regard to party alignment. His favorite outdoor sport is golf.

On April 8, 1939, Weldon T. Byrns married Sylvia Ann Weinhold, daughter of Herbert and Lessie (Ripley) Weinhold. Her mother was born in Mathews County, Virginia, and her father in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was an officer in the United States Army in World War I, and died of a heart attack while still in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Byrns have four children: 1. Weldon T., Jr., who was born on May 2, 1942. 2. Ruth Elizabeth, born August 28, 1945. 3. Michael, and 4. Patricia, twins, who were born on June 3, 1951. Mrs. Byrns is a registered nurse. She is active in the Garden Club and in the Presbyterian Church. They make their home on Route 1 near Norfolk.

J. HUGH CAFFEE—"Beginning with all horse-drawn equipment and progressing to the finest Cadillac cars and hearse, the well-appointed, well-located, and well-equipped Caffee Funeral Home has had an enviable record." So reads the opening of an account of the mortuary which has been operated by three generations of the Caffee family in Newport News. Now headed by J. Hugh Caffee, of the second generation, the Caffee Funeral Home has for many years also had the executive services of his son, F. Maynard Caffee. Father and son are prominent figures in the life of Newport News, J. Hugh Caffee being especially well known for his work in church and civic affairs, his long service on the City Council, and his successful leadership in the agitation which brought about establishment of the Virginia National Guard in Newport News. It was he who, as committee chairman, staged the spectacular Colonial Tournament, which was an outstanding feature of the Yorktown Sesquicentennial in 1931.

J. Hugh Caffee was born at Princess Anne Court House on December 15, 1877. His father, the founder of the Caffee Funeral Home, was Jesse H. Caffee, who was born at Edenton, North Carolina, on January 10, 1845, and who died in Newport News on April 5, 1908. Jesse H. Caffee served in the cavalry of the Confederate Army in the War Between the States throughout the four years of that conflict. In 1891 he founded the Caffee Funeral Home on Huntington Avenue, between Thirty-first Street and Thirty-Second Street, Newport News, and conducted the business until his death seventeen years later. His wife, mother of the present head of that business, was the former Martha Virginia Kellam, who was born on the Eastern Shore of Virginia on December 10, 1845, and who died in Newport News on April 8, 1927.

J. Hugh Caffee attended the public schools of Newport News and then transferred to the Newport News Military Academy, from which he was graduated in 1898. As early as 1895, when he was seventeen years old, Mr. Caffee joined his father in the management of the Caffee Funeral Home. To better fit himself for the business, he attended the Renaud School of Embalming in Baltimore, Maryland. When his father died, he assumed the management of the Caffee Funeral Home.

In 1900 the business was established in a new brick home at Thirty-third Street and Huntington Avenue. Jesse Caffee had purchased the lots and built the structure. Twelve years later the firm moved to 2709 Huntington Avenue, its present head having found it necessary to expand in accordance with the expansion of the city. In 1938 the home was established at its present address, 3101 West Avenue, the building having been remodeled into one of the finest funeral homes in the East. With experienced personnel, including a woman assistant, unexcelled ambulance service, a fine location, and the most modern facilities, the Caffee Funeral Home has been rendering a quality of service which has made it a leader in its field. F. Maynard Caffee entered the management in 1920.

J. Hugh Caffee, a Democrat, has been active in civic, social, and economic affairs in Newport News since virtually his first days as a mortician. For eight years he was a member of the City Council and in every election he led the ticket. He retired from the council on September 1, 1938. As chairman of the committee to secure an armory for the city, he not only succeeded in getting the armory but in saving the city much money. The armory cost the city only twenty-seven thousand dollars, plus the price of sixteen city-owned lots. The entire cost of the structure was eighty-three thousand, four hundred dollars. Mr. Caffee was in the Virginia National Guard in the Spanish-American War. As chairman for twenty years of the board of deacons at the First Baptist Church, Mr. Caffee was a leader in the city's religious activities throughout that period. He is still influential and active in that phase of human life. In addition, he is a member of the Peninsula Lodge No. 278, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Newport News Lodge No. 92, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On May 11, 1898, in Isle of Wight County, J. Hugh Caffee married Sarah Virginia Maynard, daughter of Emmett W. and Cathay (West) Maynard. Mrs. Caffee, who for years was one of the leaders in Newport News' social life and in health and welfare activities, served as canteen chairman of the Newport News Chapter, Ameri-

can National Red Cross, in three wars. She died on October 5, 1950.

J. Hugh Caffee's partner, Frederick Maynard Caffee, is his only son. Born in Isle of Wight County on August 15, 1899, F. Maynard Caffee, as he prefers to be known, began his education in the public schools of Newport News. Later he attended and was graduated from Woodberry Forest Preparatory School, and for three years he attended the University of Virginia. Also active in church affairs, he is a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church and chairman of its buildings and grounds committee. He is active in various civic and other groups.

F. Maynard Caffee married Emma Frances Smith of Birmingham, Alabama. They have one daughter: Mary Patricia, wife of Dr. Raymond K. Brown of Eastville, a physician and surgeon.

GEORGE WHITTINGTON BRATTEN, JR.

—As president of Bratten Pontiac Corporation of Norfolk, George Whittington Bratten, Jr., heads Virginia's largest organization for the sales and service of this popular General Motors car. Its salesrooms and office are at 891 Little Creek Road. Mr. Bratten has experience in the automotive field dating back a score of years; and after wartime service to the government in a civilian capacity, established his own agency.

He was born January 7, 1914, in Princess Anne, son of George Whittington, Sr., and Marie (Etheredge) Bratten. His father was born at Snow Hill, Maryland, and early in life entered the lumber manufacturing business there. In 1910 he relocated in Princess Anne, where he founded the G. W. Bratten Lumber Company, and he remained active in lumber manufacturing there until his retirement in 1928. His death occurred at Princess Anne on August 3, 1953. The elder George W. Bratten was active in the Methodist Church, and was affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights Templar. He was a son of Joseph Maurice Bratten, who had also been engaged in the lumber industry at Snow Hill. He too passed his later years at Princess Anne. The family is of Scottish and Holland Dutch antecedents. Marie (Etheredge) Bratten was born in Norfolk, daughter of John E. Etheredge, who was descended from early settlers in that city. She survives her husband, and maintains the family home in Princess Anne. The couple were the parents of two sons: 1. John Maurice, a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and now president of Ames and Webb, Inc., paving contracting firm of Norfolk. 2. George Whittington, Jr.

Following his elementary education in the pub-

lic schools of Princess Anne, George W. Bratten, Jr., graduated from Kempsville High School in 1931. He continued his education at the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, taking premedical courses during his four years there. He was forced to forego medical training, however, in consequence of the economic conditions of the mid-1930s.

In 1935 he began his career in automobile sales as a salesman with the Colonial Chevrolet Corporation in Norfolk. He left the field in 1938 to enter the United States Postal Service at the Norfolk Post Office. From 1940 to 1942 he operated the Bratten Motor Company of Norfolk, at 719 Granby Street, a used-car dealership. During the World War II years 1942-1945 he was employed as inspector of equipment at the Naval Operating Base in Norfolk.

With the end of the war, Mr. Bratten again entered the used-car sales field as Bratten Motor Company, which had its headquarters at 1624 Granby Street. He was later associated as a partner with the Bratten-Roughton Pontiac Corporation in Norfolk until May 1951. Re-entering the used-car business at that time, he continued until November 1953, when he bought the Pontiac agency at Petersburg, Virginia, and at that time formed the Bratten Pontiac Corporation. Relocating in Norfolk in August 1955, he has operated his agency there under the same name.

The Bratten Pontiac Corporation of Norfolk was first located in temporary quarters at 860 Little Creek Road, while the present modern sales and service center was being planned and erected, at 891 Little Creek Road. In June 1956, the firm moved into its new building, one of the best-equipped in the Greater Norfolk area. There Mr. Bratten operates the largest Pontiac agency in Virginia, in terms of sales volume. As one of the leading automobile sales and service organizations of Norfolk, Bratten Pontiac Corporation maintains a staff of sixty-five employees, and has the latest factory-approved equipment. It also operates centers for the sale of guaranteed used cars at 273 Little Creek Road and 762 Little Creek Road.

Mr. Bratten is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Automobile Dealers Association, Virginia State Automobile Dealers Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association. He is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Princess Anne Country Club, and is a communicant of Grace and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Petersburg. His favorite outdoor pastime is golf.

On July 27, 1940, at Norfolk, George Whitting-



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ton Bratten, Jr., married Garnett Elizabeth Early, daughter of Posey L. and Lucille (Rock) Early of Bay Lake Pines, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Bratten make their home at 7407 Glencoe Place, Lockhaven, Norfolk, and they are the parents of a daughter, Garnett Early, who was born on January 21, 1942, and is now a student at St. Catherine's School in Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Bratten are also the foster parents of Joyce Taylor, who graduated from Hollins College in Virginia in 1956.

LUTHER W. WHITE, III—Member of the law firm of Worthington, White and Harper, with offices in the Royster Building in Norfolk, Luther W. White, III, is one of the younger professional men of his city, who began his career after service in World War II. He is a native of Norfolk, and was born on August 29, 1923, son of Luther W., Jr., and Edith (Prettyman) White. His father, who was also born in Norfolk has served for the past twenty years as treasurer of the Columbian Peanut Company of that city, whose record is recounted in other pages of this history. He served in the United States Navy as a chief petty officer in World War I, entering service in 1916 and receiving his discharge in 1918. Prior to that time he had been in the cotton business with his father and uncle. Edith Prettyman, whom he married, was born in Lexington, Virginia.

Reared in Norfolk and receiving his early education there, Luther W. White, III, graduated from Maury High School in 1941, then entered Randolph-Macon College. His studies there were interrupted by service in World War II, when he served as ensign in the United States Navy. Resuming his courses after the war, he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Randolph-Macon College in 1947, and went to Washington and Lee University for his professional studies, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws there in 1949.

Admitted to the bar, he began practice with the law firm of Breeden and Hoffman, and after one year with them, became assistant commonwealth attorney in his city, a position he filled capably for twenty-one months. He then rejoined Breeden and Hoffman, with whom he remained for another year, and in March 1953, joined William C. Worthington in forming the present law partnership. He is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar and Virginia State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Active in civic affairs, he is a member of the Sertoma Club, and he serves on the official board of Larchmont Methodist Church. He is fond of the out-of-doors, and golf is his favorite game.

On February 27, 1954, Luther W. White, III,

married Patricia Bowers, daughter of George H. and Nellie (Dix) Bowers. Her mother was born in Irvington, Virginia. Her father, a native of Frederick, Maryland, founded the Bowers Wholesale Corporation in Norfolk a quarter-century ago, and remains its president. Prior to organizing his own firm, he was in the tire business as a member of the firm of Dix, Bowers and Company. Mr. and Mrs. White have two children: 1. Luther W., IV, who was born on April 1, 1955. 2. John P., born on November 9, 1956.

TAYLOR C. WILSON—The oldest business on the Virginia Peninsula under the same management is T. H. Wilson and Company, Inc., with headquarters at North King Street and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Right-of-Way, Hampton. Three generations of the Wilson family have managed this feed and fuel enterprise. After the founder and former president, Thomas H. Wilson, died in his eighty-eighth year, his son, Taylor C. Wilson, became president and took over the executive responsibilities, with the assistance of his own son, Taylor C. Wilson, Jr. Well known in the area, especially in the Lower Peninsula, Taylor C. Wilson was with the feed and fuel business for a third of a century.

He was born in Hampton on October 10, 1891, and educated in the elementary and high schools of that city, graduating from the latter in 1909. His father, born in York County on December 12, 1868, was a farmer in Hampton for a time. He was only twenty when, in 1888, he founded the firm now known as T. H. Wilson and Company, Inc., and served as president of the corporation, which was formed in 1931, until his death on February 6, 1957. He kept a strong and experienced eye on the operations, giving wise counsel to his son and grandson. He was the oldest living Mason on the Lower Peninsula. He served as director of the Citizens National Bank of Hampton. His wife, who was Bettie Ann Hogge, born in York County in 1865, died on July 4, 1935.

Taylor C. Wilson worked for fourteen months for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad after leaving high school. Then he spent nine years with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, as a member of the staff of the material department. In 1921 he joined his father in the feed and fuel business and ten years later, with the incorporation of the business, became vice president. In 1957 he was elected president of the corporation. The company handles not only coal, wood, fuel oil, and feed, but also seeds, lawnmowers, fertilizers, lawn furniture, garden tools, salt, lime bulbs, plants, and insecticides.

Taylor C. Wilson served in World War I for

eighteen months. He was attached to Battery D, Hampton Field Artillery. He and his family worship in the Central Methodist Church of Hampton.

Mr. Wilson married Mary Elizabeth Colbert of Chase City, daughter of Thomas and Sally (Mays) Colbert, in Newport News on October 17, 1917. They had three children: 1. Elizabeth Colbert. 2. Taylor C., Jr., the secretary-treasurer of the Wilson business. 3. Thomas H. Wilson, II, an attorney, who is the partner of his uncle in the Hampton law firm of Wilson and Wilson.

Taylor C. Wilson died January 21, 1958.

JOSEPH WILTON HOPE, JR.—For the past quarter-century, Joseph Wilton Hope, Jr., has been engaged in a general practice of law at Hampton, and in the course of that time he has distinguished himself in public office as city attorney and commonwealth's attorney. He was absent for four years during the World War II period, serving as an officer in the United States Navy.

Mr. Hope was born on March 9, 1905, at Winchester, Virginia, the son of Joseph Wilton, Sr., M.D., and Elsie (Love) Hope but is a lifelong resident of Hampton. His father practiced medicine in Hampton, and served as secretary of that city's Board of Health, and president of its school board. He served as a major in the Army Medical Corps from 1917 to 1919. After beginning his education in Virginia public schools, the younger Joseph Wilton Hope completed his studies at Virginia Military Institute and the Law School of the University of Virginia. He graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1929. Admitted to the bar, he began a general practice at Hampton, where he has continued to the present time. From 1936 to 1941, he served as city attorney of Hampton, and in 1941 became commonwealth's attorney for Elizabeth City County (now the City of Hampton), an office he has held ever since.

He was absent on active duty with the United States Naval Reserve, however, from 1942 to 1946. Commissioned a lieutenant, he advanced to the rank of lieutenant commander in the course of his service, which took him to the central Pacific.

Mr. Hope is a member of the American Legion, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Redmen. He has retained membership in Lambda Sigma, preparatory school fraternity, and is also a member of the Kappa Alpha Order and the Eli Banana Society, the Hampton Yacht Club, and Hampton Roads German Club. He is also a member and past president of the City of Hampton Bar Association, member of the Virginia Bar Association and the American Bar Association and Association of Commonwealth Attorneys. He attends the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Hope is unmarried. He makes his home at Hampton.

THOMAS CLIFFORD CLARKE—A beverage distributor with nearly three decades' experience in his industry, Thomas Clifford Clarke is now president of Norfolk Nehi Bottling Company, Inc., which has the franchise for the bottling and distribution of Royal Crown Cola, Nehi and Par-T-Pak beverages in Norfolk and Princess Anne counties. The company plant is located at 705 West 25th Street, and is completely modern in design and equipment. In overall operations, the firm gives employment to over forty people.

Mr. Clarke, who has been continuously associated with Nehi beverages since 1928, was born in the Church Road community of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, on August 13, 1902, son of Thomas Percy and Loula (Robertson) Clarke. His parents are still living, spending their retirement years at Church Road. Thomas C. Clarke received his elementary schooling at Ford, Virginia, and graduated from Midway High School in 1919. Continuing his education at the College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, he graduated there after only three years' study, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1922.

Mr. Clarke began his career as a teacher, first joining the faculty of Blackstone High School at Blackstone, where he served as football, baseball and basketball coach, and assistant principal, as well as teaching classes. He left in 1924 to enter the banking field, accepting a position as assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Blackstone. He remained there four years.

Finding his permanent career interest in the bottling industry in 1928, Mr. Clarke joined the Nehi Bottling Company at its Fredericksburg plant. He went in as part owner, and served as secretary-treasurer and manager for three years. In 1931 he came to Norfolk, where he established an exactly identical relationship with Norfolk Nehi Bottling Company, Inc., once again as part owner, secretary-treasurer of the corporation, and manager of the plant. He acquired the interests of the other partners in 1934, and since that time has owned the firm, of which he is president.

In 1942, Mr. Clarke enlisted for service in the United States Navy. Commissioned a lieutenant, senior grade, he was assigned to the Naval Supply Corps, and served both in the Norfolk area, and overseas, being stationed for some time at Oran in North Africa. At the time of his separation from the service at Norfolk in 1945, he held the rank of lieutenant commander.

The firm which he heads and manages has had a successful and steadily growing operation as



James Wood

bottler and distributor of Royal Crown Cola and the Nehi beverages.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Clarke is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Kiwanis Club, of which he was president in 1951. He is a member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of Lodge No. 10, Knights of Pythias. As a veteran of World War II, he belongs to Post No. 35 of the American Legion, and his other memberships include the Commissioned Officers Golf Club, Princess Anne Country Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and Lafayette Yacht and Country Club. He is a communicant of the First Christian Church of Norfolk.

On May 19, 1942, at Norfolk, Thomas Clifford Clarke married Elizabeth Jarvies of that city, daughter of the late Frank L. and Naomi (Curtis) Jarvies. Her mother survives, and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, who reside at 1333 Windsor Point Road, Norfolk.

JAMES WEBSTER WOOD—With experience in the grocery business dating back to the close of World War I, James Webster Wood is now senior vice president of Colonial Stores, Inc., with headquarters in Norfolk, and also serves on the firm's board of directors.

He was born at Lebanon, Missouri, on September 30, 1896, son of Dr. William Henry and Ann (Bench) Wood. His father was a native of Kentucky, and served in the Confederate States Army from that state. He received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Medical College of the University of Louisville, and became a prominent general practitioner during the horse-and-buggy era. He practiced at Lebanon, where he located in the reconstruction period, and he served the people of that town, and the surrounding countryside, until his death in 1905. He was descended from forebears of English extraction, who settled in Charleston, South Carolina, in colonial times. His wife, the former Ann Bench, was born in Laclede County, Missouri, and died at Lebanon in 1933.

The youngest of six children born to his parents, James Webster Wood passed his boyhood in the community of his birth, and graduated from Lebanon High School in 1912. He continued his education at Springfield State Normal College in Missouri, and after two years there, transferred to Washington University at St. Louis. At the time of World War I, he served in the United States Navy as a pharmacist, and for a time was stationed at the naval hospital on Parris Island, South Carolina, and was in overseas transport duty for approximately one year. At the time of

his separation from the service, he was at Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

In 1919, Mr. Wood began his career with Norfolk Newspapers, Inc., which assigned him to the advertising department of the Portsmouth "Star." Several months later, however, being either literally or figuratively allergic to printer's ink, he left the news publishing field, and in the fall of 1919 entered the employ of the David Pender Grocery Company in Norfolk, as manager of one of the firm's stores. From 1922 to 1929 he was in charge of that company's operations in North Carolina, making his headquarters at Greensboro.

Mr. Wood returned to Norfolk in 1929, and there he continued with the Pender interests as general manager of stores in Virginia and North Carolina. The history of the David Pender Grocery Company began in Norfolk shortly after the turn of the century, when Mr. Pender, a young man from Tarboro, North Carolina, opened his first store in Norfolk. He possessed the personality, the vision and the progressive attitudes required to build up an organization rendering exceptional service; and as its popularity increased the store outgrew its original quarters. The next location, at Market Street and Monticello Avenue, became one of the South's finest and most complete food markets. In 1919, the year Mr. Wood joined the organization, Mr. Pender opened his eleventh branch store, and this marked the first step in the steady growth of a chain which today numbers over four hundred stores and one hundred and twenty meat markets, located in all parts of Virginia and North Carolina. In January 1926, when the number of stores had increased to two hundred and forty-four, Mr. Pender decided to retire from business and arrangements were made whereby control of the company was sold. The new management put into effect plans to increase the number of stores to give more people in Virginia and North Carolina the best possible food products at the most economical prices. The David Pender Grocery Company became a vital factor in the economic life of the region, and one of the outstanding grocery sales organizations in America.

Mr. Wood continued as vice president and general manager, and in 1940, when the firm merged with the Rogers Grocery Company of Atlanta, Georgia, to form Colonial Stores, he continued as vice president of that corporation as well, and was placed in charge of its Eastern Division. In November 1956, he was advanced to the office of senior vice president of Colonial Stores, Inc., and he continues as the executive head of the Eastern Division as well as an advisor to the operating executives of the other three divisions. In June 1955, Albers Super Markets, serving central and

southern Ohio and parts of northern Kentucky, joined Colonial Stores, and in November of the same year Stop and Shop Enterprises, with stores in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Louisville, Kentucky, became a member of the Colonial family. These two last companies now form the Albers Division, with headquarters at Cincinnati, and the Indianapolis Division, respectively, of Colonial Stores. At Atlanta are located the general offices and Southern Division headquarters, which is responsible for operations in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Florida. Central Division has its headquarters at Columbia, South Carolina, and its territory covers South Carolina and parts of North Carolina. The Eastern Division, headed by Mr. Wood, is in charge of operations in Virginia, Maryland, and eastern North Carolina. Through these various divisions, the firm operates its more than four hundred stores, chiefly self-service supermarkets, in eleven states, and sales volume in 1956 was estimated at four hundred and fifty million dollars.

A director of Southeastern Chain Store Council, Mr. Wood served as its president in 1953, and he is a member of the National Association of Food Chains. He has given full support to meritorious community projects, and holds responsible posts in civic affairs. He is vice chairman of the Norfolk Port Authority, serves as a director of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, is vice chairman of the Norfolk Community Chest, and serves on the board of directors and as a member of the building committee of Norfolk General Hospital. An active layman in the Virginia Beach Methodist Church, he serves on its board of stewards and its financial committee. He is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Princess Anne Country Club and the Virginia-West Virginia Seniors Golf Club. Besides golf, his favorite outdoor sports are hunting and fishing.

At Eastville, Virginia, on February 12, 1921, James Webster Wood married Carrie Bentley Jones of Wilmington, Delaware. She is a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Norfolk General Hospital and DePaul Hospital, and is active in the Virginia Beach Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are the parents of three children: 1. Elizabeth Ann, a graduate of Madison College, Harrisburg, Virginia. She married Walter W. Brewster of Norfolk, who is a school administrator in the Norfolk public school system. 2. Betty Delia, a graduate of Mary Washington College at Fredericksburg, Virginia. She married J. Archie Johnson of Norfolk, who is associated with Cavalier Clothes. They are the parents of J. Archie Johnson, Jr., and Elizabeth Ann Johnson. 3. James Webster, Jr., attending Augusta Military Academy.

The family's residence is at Bay Colony, Virginia Beach, and Mr. Wood's business address is 301-321 Dunmore Street, Norfolk.

JOSEPH MARCUS—An attorney at law practicing in Norfolk for over three decades, Joseph Marcus has his own firm with offices in the National Bank of Commerce Building. He has acquitted himself well in his profession and takes a lively interest in a large number of organizations: bar associations, lodges, and groups centered in the Jewish faith.

He was born in Norfolk County on April 23, 1900, son of Abraham Louis and Bessie (Glasser) Marcus. His father, who has been a merchant throughout his active career, is still in business at the age of eighty-two. Joseph Marcus attended public schools and graduated from Portsmouth High School in June 1918. He entered the service of the United States Army shortly thereafter and served as a private until the war's end. Later enrolling at the University of Virginia, he prepared for his professional career there and received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1923. Since that time, Mr. Marcus has practiced at Norfolk. In recent years, he has held the offices of commissioner in chancery of the Circuit Court of his city and also commissioner in chancery of the Court of Law and Chancery of Norfolk. As a lawyer he is a member of the American Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association.

He is a member of Phi Alpha national fraternity; Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Charity Lodge No. 10, Knights of Pythias; and Norfolk Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is past exalted ruler. He is past president of the Virginia State Elks Association and is currently serving as a trustee of the state group. As a veteran of World War I, he is a member of Old Dominion Post of the American Legion and a member and past commander of Old Dominion Post, Jewish War Veterans of the United States. He is a member of B'nai B'rith and of B'rith Sholom Center of Virginia, is past president of Norfolk City Lodge of B'rith Sholom, and Virginia State Deputy of the Independent Order of B'rith Sholom. He is also past president of Beth El Men's Club and is a member of the Zionist Organization of America. His religious affiliation is with Beth El Congregation. As a graduate of the University of Virginia, Mr. Marcus is a member of its Alumni Association.

In Baltimore, Maryland, on April 23, 1936, Joseph Marcus married Selma Klatzky, daughter of Morris and Ida (Berman) Klatzky. They make



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their home at 900 Harrington Avenue, Norfolk, and are the parents of two children: 1. Carol, who was born on September 9, 1939. 2. Eileen Bessie, born October 28, 1944.

JOSEPH A. CRUTE—Wide recognition in concrete and asphalt construction work has been won by Joseph A. Crute, whose experience in this field has spanned more than a quarter of a century. He is the founder and president of the Tidewater Paving Company, with headquarters at 901 Kempsville Road, Norfolk. Active in numerous trade, civic and other organizations, he is also a leader in Lutheran Church programs.

Born in New Kent County, Virginia, on August 8, 1919, Mr. Crute is the son of Joseph Thomas and Virgie (Potts) Crute, both also natives of the Old Dominion. His father, a retired lumberman living in Richmond, has been well known for many years in the commonwealth. The mother died in 1925. Joseph A. Crute received his early education in Clarksville, Mecklenburg County. In 1937, he was graduated from the South Boston High School.

That year he began his career with the Virginia Public Service Company. In his three years with this concern he took advantage of an opportunity to take a course in civil engineering and thus equip himself for the career in which he has been so successful. For a long period he was associated with the Stone and Webster Construction Company of Boston, Massachusetts, as civil engineer in charge of the construction of the Virginia Electric and Power Company plant at Norfolk. From 1942 to 1952 he was associated with Ames and Webb, Inc., of Norfolk, as superintendent of numerous concrete and asphalt paving projects in the Greater Norfolk region.

With this background, Mr. Crute formed his own company, the Tidewater Paving Company, in 1952. As contractors in the concrete and asphalt field, the firm has a wide scope both in type and area in the contracts it assumes. It handles foundations, walks, driveways, curbs, parking lots, and street and highway construction. It has completed a large number of important street-paving projects for the City of Norfolk and is also operating in South Norfolk and Portsmouth and in other portions of Norfolk and Princess Anne counties.

Mr. Crute is a member of the Society of American Engineers, the Builders and Contractors Exchange, Inc., the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, National Defense Transportation, Rotary Club of Kempsville, the Izaak Walton League of America, Cavalier Yacht and Country Club; Lafayette Yacht Club; Ocean View Lodge No. 335, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Auld Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and Khedive

Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He and his family worship in St. John's Lutheran Church of Ocean View, where he serves as a councilman and as member of the board of trustees. His chief recreations are boating, fishing and golf. He and his family make their home at 8807 Granby Street, in Norfolk.

Mr. Crute married Sarah Edna Goodman of Norfolk in that city on May 2, 1942. They are the parents of three children: 1. James Arthur, born on February 22, 1943. 2. Frances Edna, born on September 21, 1945. 3. Joseph Allen, born on December 21, 1951.

BAYARD O. HILL heads an organization long established at Suffolk, which has earned the confidence and high regard of its people—the I. O. Hill and Company, which operates the funeral home on West Washington and Wellons streets and the retail furniture and floor covering business on the corner of West Washington and Saratoga streets. It takes its name from the present owner's father, who founded it over sixty-five years ago. I. O. Hill was a merchant and banker as well. He was a native of Gates County, North Carolina, and son of J. R. and Mary Anne (Harrell) Hill. He arrived in Suffolk in 1889, just two years before the furniture business was established and four years prior to his entering the funeral directing business. He also became vice president, director and one of the original stockholders of the National Bank of Suffolk, and a member of its discount board. He was a communicant of the Main Street Methodist Church, served for many years on its board of stewards, and was chairman of its building committee at the time of his death, which occurred in 1945, when he was eighty-three years of age. Isaac Owen Hill married Mattie D. Smith, who died in 1923, and Bayard O. Hill was their only son now living.

He was born in Suffolk on January 31, 1897, and received his early education in the public schools of the city. On graduating from high school there, he entered Trinity College, now Duke University. He began his business career in the employ of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company at Hopewell, but as a skilled musician, was tempted away from industry in 1918 to play in Jan Garber's orchestra. After nearly five years with the band, he returned to Suffolk in 1922 to join his father in the management of I. O. Hill and Company and the funeral home.

In January 1937, the firm opened its new and impressive home at West Washington and Wellons. A large and dignified old residence, it has amply served the purposes of the organization since that time. The Hill firm has kept pace with

the latest developments is mortuary science, and its equipment and decor are of the best quality obtainable. Adhering to a long tradition of service, I. O. Hill and Company has won confidence for its friendly and sympathetic conduct of affairs when Suffolk citizens come to its doors in time of trouble. The founder, I. O. Hill, remained head of the organization until the end of his life. For fifteen years, from 1908 to 1924, he had as a partner H. B. Cross, who died February 1, 1924. Mr. Hill purchased Mr. Cross' interest in the business, which he in turn gave to his son, Bayard O. Hill, who became the junior member of the firm until his father's death in 1943, and has since been sole owner.

His achievements in the service of his city have been noteworthy. In 1935 he became a member of the Suffolk city council, served until 1947, and from 1941 to 1947 was mayor of the city. He has served as president of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, and for some years has served on the board of directors of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce. He was vice president of the state Chamber from 1946 through 1948. He has also been president of the Suffolk Retail Merchants Association and the Suffolk Lions Club, in which he has been awarded the thirty-year pin. He is a member of the lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Suffolk; the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and past president of the Suffolk Shrine Club. As a mortician, Mr. Hill is active in the Virginia State Funeral Directors Association and has served as its president. He attends Main Street Methodist Church, and is serving on its board of stewards and board of trustees. Fond of travel, he has made five trips which have taken him to foreign countries.

Bayard O. Hill has been twice married. His first wife was Ximena Gardner, of Wilson, North Carolina, whom he married on October 24, 1917, and who died on November 13, 1938. On January 31, 1946, he married, second, Helen Osborn of High Point, North Carolina.

JOHN ROBERT ROUGHTON—President and treasurer of Roughton Pontiac Corporation, and president of the Roughton Realty Corporation of Norfolk, John Robert Roughton holds a leading place in the business and civic affairs, the church and social activities of Norfolk. This success did not come to him through inherited status of wealth, but in consequence of his own qualities of determination, courage and vision.

A native of Roper, Washington County, North Carolina, J. Robert Roughton was born on March

18, 1909, son of the late John Robert and Sarah Elizabeth (Cooper) Roughton. His father, who devoted his life to farming, died on May 10, 1928, at the age of fifty-four. Mrs. Roughton later married Edgar G. Ayers of Washington County, North Carolina, and he too died, on March 15, 1955. She now resides with her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Tullock of Norfolk. She is a granddaughter of Captain Ben Spruill, a Confederate veteran and planter of Washington County. John R. and Sarah Elizabeth (Cooper) Roughton became the parents of two children: J. Robert, and Hazel E., who married H. E. Tullock, a naval officer residing in Norfolk.

Mr. Roughton passed his early youth at Roper, North Carolina, and graduated from high school there in 1928. Reared on the home farm, he learned at an early age the uses of the plow, the hoe and the axe, but as he approached manhood, he decided against farming as a livelihood. Following his graduation from high school, he came to Norfolk, where he entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. He continued with that firm for seven years, leaving in April 1936, to enter the automobile retailing field in which he has won his way to success. He first joined the Colonial Chevrolet Corporation of Norfolk, and over the next decade, gained experience working in its various departments. At the time of his resignation in 1945 to enter business in his own name, he was capably filling the position of general manager of that agency.

In 1945 he bought a half-interest in the J. W. Meekins Pontiac Agency, which had been established in 1928. He has since acquired sole ownership of the business, which is now known as the Roughton Pontiac Corporation. He is its president and treasurer; his wife, Mrs. Nellie A. Roughton, is vice president; and Belle H. Burns, long associated with the firm, is secretary. The authorized dealership for Pontiac cars in the Norfolk metropolitan area, the company has its sales and service facilities at 15th and Monticello Avenue, occupying the entire block to 14th Street. It utilizes about seventy-five thousand square feet of space, in one of the most successful and reliable sales and service operations in the region. The main building was erected in 1949, and the structure which it replaced, erected in 1935, is now used for the body and paint departments. In 1945, when Mr. Roughton acquired his interest in the organization, there were eleven employees on its staff, and now its payroll numbers seventy-six. It has the latest factory approved equipment for servicing all makes of cars. A used-car lot is maintained by the company at 4242 Granby Street. The growth of the company reflects Mr. Rough-



J. R. Roughton



ton's keen business sense, progressive views, high standard of ethics in his dealings, and the loyalty he has won among his employees.

His second business interest is the Roughton Realty Corporation, of which he is president. This firm owns the Midtown Building and other valuable commercial rental properties.

Mr. Roughton is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Automobile Dealers Association and served as its president in 1952. He is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association. In his home city, he is a member and director of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and formerly served on its membership committee. He is also a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and the United States Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the board of trustees of Leigh Memorial Hospital, and is co-chairman of the automotive division of the Norfolk Community Chest. His other memberships include the Kiwanis Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Norfolk Executives Club, the Fraternal Order of Police, and Cavalier Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and he is a director of the Lafayette Yacht Club. A communicant of the Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, he serves on its board of trustees and as an elder, and he is also chairman of the Home Mission Committee of the Norfolk Presbytery.

At Plymouth, North Carolina, on April 6, 1930, J. Robert Roughton married Nellie Alexander of Washington County, daughter of the late Thomas Graham and Della (Swain) Alexander of that county. Her father was a farmer and a merchant. Mrs. Roughton is active in civic and religious affairs, being a member of the Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, the Women's Club and Talbot Park Garden Club. She is also an executive of Roughton Pontiac Corporation. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. John Robert, III, who was born on June 28, 1938. He graduated from Granby High School in 1956 and is now attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute. 2. Gloria Jeanne, born October 11, 1943; attending Granby High School. 3. Barbara Ann, born April 14, 1950.

DAVID G. BLALOCK—Since the beginning of his career, a decade and a half ago, David G. Blalock has practiced law at Newport News, and is now a member of the firm of Marshall and Blalock. He holds several positions in business firms, and is active in local organizations and bar groups.

A native of Durham, North Carolina, he was born on May 20, 1918, son of David R. and Lalor (Harward) Blalock. Both of his parents were also born at Durham, and both are living. His father is now retired from his profession

of accountant. Attending the schools of Newport News and graduating from high school there in 1935, David G. Blalock went on to advanced studies at University of Virginia, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1939. Two years later he completed his professional studies at the law school of the same university, and took his degree of Bachelor of Laws. Already, in 1940, he had been admitted to membership in the Virginia bar.

He began his practice at Newport News in 1941, and has continued there since. His present firm, Marshall and Blalock, has its offices in their new building at 119-26th Street. His partners are John Marshall and Julian H. Blalock, and Glover Garner is an associate. The firm conducts a general practice in all courts. It acts as counsel for a variety of corporations, including the Bank of Warwick, Citizens Rapid Transit Company, Newport News Building and Loan Association, Allstate Insurance Company, Coal Operators Casualty Company and North American Companies. Mr. Blalock himself is a member of the board of directors of the Benson Phillips Company, Inc., and several development corporations.

A member of the Virginia State Bar Association, he also holds membership in the Newport News and the American bar associations. His fraternity is Sigma Phi Epsilon, and he is a member of the Rotary Club, the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the James River Country Club. He and his family attend the Orcutt Avenue Baptist Church. Mr. Blalock's favorite outdoor sport is golf.

At Danville, Virginia, on July 19, 1941, David G. Blalock married Martha Lee Bennett of that city, daughter of John R. and Mary L. (Graves) Bennett. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Sherrill Lee, born on June 12, 1945. 2. Martha Graham, born June 18, 1949. 3. David G., Jr., born June 28, 1953.

JOSIAH GAYLE SANFORD has attained a prominent position in the Warwick business community as head of the fuel distributing firm of Sanford and Charles, and as an official of other organizations, including the Bank of Warwick. He is a native of Newport News, and was born on May 5, 1913, son of Frederick William and Mary Byrd (Gayle) Sanford. His father, who was born in Spottsylvania County, Virginia, founded an ice and coal distributing business at Newport News prior to 1900, and later became a partner in the coal firm of Sanford and Charles, his partner being F. E. Charles. He died in August 1932, and is survived by his wife, who is a native of Fredericksburg.

Spending his boyhood years in Newport News,

Joseph Gayle Sanford attended the public schools there and graduated from high school in 1930. He later took courses at Randolph-Macon Academy, and at the College of William and Mary, where he was a student for two years. Following his father's death, he left his studies and returned to Newport News, where he became associated with the coal firm of Sanford and Charles. Mr. Charles remained active in the firm for some time afterwards, but in 1953, Mr. Sanford purchased his interest and has since been the president of the company, which he operates under the old name, one which has become familiar to the people of the region and in which they have confidence. Its present address is Boat Harbor, Newport News. The firm has added petroleum products to its line, being distributor for Texaco.

Besides serving as president of this firm, Mr. Sanford is a director of the Bank of Warwick and of the Sanford-Chisman Corporation. A member of Peninsula Lodge No. 278, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Sanford has taken the higher degrees in Masonry and is a member of the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and the Commandery of the Knights Templar. He also belongs to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends St. Andrews Episcopal Church, and is a Republican in his politics.

At Montgomery, Alabama, on November 6, 1940, J. Gayle Sanford married Elizabeth Marshall of that city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Marshall. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Frederick William, born July 4, 1942. 2. Elizabeth Gayle, born May 10, 1944. Mrs. Sanford is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

MALCOLM WALKER HILLSMAN—After his return to Virginia following maritime service in World War II, Malcolm Walker Hillsman founded his own firm, Hillsman Company, Inc., in Norfolk. He holds the offices of president and treasurer of the concern, which is a wholesale distributor of carpets, rugs, linoleum, and asphalt, plastic, rubber and ceramic tile.

A native of Lynchburg, he was born on October 24, 1914, son of Rosser Noland and Bernice LeVert (Bondurant) Hillsman. His father, now retired from business, was the proprietor of a department store in Lynchburg, R. N. Hillsman and Company. Malcolm W. Hillsman received his public elementary and high school education in that city, graduating from Lynchburg High School in 1932. For one year, he attended the University of Virginia, where he majored in commerce, and he then began his business career with the firm of Williams and Reed, a wholesale dry goods

house at Richmond. After one year with this organization at its headquarters in Richmond, he was transferred to its Norfolk branch, where he subsequently became manager. He continued in that capacity until 1943. He left to enlist for wartime duty in the United States Maritime Service.

He began his tour of duty as a pharmacist with the rating of warrant officer, and was later promoted to ensign. After a time he was assigned to the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and had been there for some time before his separation from active service in the fall of 1945.

In the early months of 1946, Mr. Hillsman founded the Hillsman Company, Inc., at Norfolk, and has since served as its president and treasurer. Other officers of the corporation are Josephine B. Hillsman, secretary, and Davis W. Jordan, Jr., vice president. Meeting with success from the time the company was founded, Mr. Hillsman has built one of the leading organizations of its type in the Tidewater area, with headquarters at 1054 West 47th Street, Norfolk. Included in its line of wares, besides the general floor-covering products mentioned in the first paragraph, are Ozite carpet linings, and importations from Belgium, the Philippines and Japan. The firm acts as agent for Magee carpets, Pabco soil-sealed linoleum, Kentile, and a variety of tile products. Twenty-five people are employed in its Norfolk operations.

In recent years, Mr. Hillsman has extended his operations under a new corporate heading, Hillsman Wholesale Corporation, which has separate headquarters at 1302 East Main Street, Richmond; and he also heads the Hillsman Company, Inc., of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Active in the civic and community life of Norfolk he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and has served on the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club, the Cavalier Beach and Cabana Club, and attends the First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach.

On December 3, 1938, Malcolm Walker Hillsman married Josephine Estell Billups, daughter of William Milton and Nora (Ogletree) Billups. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Malcolm Walker, Jr., born April 10, 1943. He is now attending Virginia Beach High School. 2. Suzanne LeVert, born June 26, 1950. She is attending Everetts School at Virginia Beach. The family resides at 102 Willow Road, Linkhorn Bay, Virginia Beach.

ADOLPHUS SAMUEL ELEY—Throughout most of his years in business, Adolphus Samuel Eley managed a retail hardware store at Suffolk, which was operated under his own name. He



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served at one time as mayor of the city, and capably filled a number of other public posts as well.

Born in Nansemond County on July 13, 1846, he was a son of Samuel and Susanna (White) Eley. His father was a farmer near Providence Church, and his home was burned by Northern troops during the war. Adolphus S. Eley received a farm lad's upbringing, and attended public schools. Early in his career he located in Suffolk, where he entered the retail hardware business. His public offices included chief of the volunteer fire department and justice of the peace. He served at one time as mayor of Suffolk, and was considered one of Suffolk's leading citizens. He was a Democrat in his politics.

One of Mr. Eley's major interests was the work of his church, St. Paul's Episcopal. He was a most active layman, and served as warden, as treasurer and as a member of the property committee at various times.

Twice married, Adolphus S. Eley chose as his first wife Miss Nannie Stuart Briggs, daughter of Dr. Briggs of Nansemond County, a physician. She died in June 1904, and he married, second, on February 21, 1906, Miss Annie Leigh. The ceremony took place in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Mrs. Eley was the daughter of Dr. John Randolph Leigh and Mary Coles (Carrington) Leigh. Her father practiced medicine in Clarks-ville, Virginia.

Mr. Eley's death occurred on September 8, 1906.

JOHN A. HOWELL, SR. and JOHN A. HOWELL, JR.—Since he returned from military service in World War II, John A. Howell, Jr., has been active in the management of a laundry business at Suffolk, in which he is a partner with his father. He is a native of Henderson, North Carolina, and was born on June 18, 1919, son of John A., Sr., and Hazel (Simpson) Howell. His father was born at Whaleyville, in Nansemond County in the Tidewater area, on January 31, 1885. Educated in the public schools of Suffolk, the elder John Howell entered business in his home region and founded the Home Laundry there in 1931. He still takes an active part in its management. He is a Democrat in his politics and is a member of the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry he belongs to the higher bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, including the consistory, holds the Thirty-second degree; and is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He and his wife, the former Hazel Simpson, a native of New

Bern, North Carolina, became the parents of three children, of whom John A., Jr., is the eldest. The younger children are James S. and Frances, now Mrs. C. M. Abernathy.

Attending the public schools of Suffolk and graduating from high school there in 1937, the younger John A. Howell entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute for his advanced studies. He graduated from there in 1941 and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in engineering. Shortly afterwards, he entered the wartime service of the United States Army. After training in this country, he went overseas, where he spent a year and three months. He advanced to the rank of captain there and, at the time of his separation from the service in March 1946, held a commission as major.

Immediately on resuming civilian status, Mr. Howell returned to Suffolk and there joined his father in the management of the Home Laundry, which is located at 520 South Main Street. The two are equal partners in the venture and head a thriving and growing concern, which employs thirty people.

As a veteran of World War II, John A. Howell, Jr., is a member of Post No. 57 of the American Legion at Suffolk. He is also a member of Lodge No. 685 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in that city. He attends the Episcopal Church and is a Democrat in his politics. Mr. Howell finds a stimulating hobby in the construction and collecting of model airplanes.

John A. Howell, Jr., crossed the nation to Yakima, Washington, to marry Miss Jean Lois Jensen in that city on December 14, 1943. She is, however, a native of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and the daughter of Thorvald and Alma (Monson) Jensen. Mr. and Mrs. Howell have three children: 1. John A., III, born on January 11, 1945. 2. Anne J., born September 10, 1948. 3. Hilary J., born September 19, 1955.

ROBERT JAMES PARR has practiced law at Suffolk since the beginning of his career in 1951. He is a veteran of World War II.

Born in Isle of Wight County on March 16, 1927, he is a son of Arthur Jordan and Nellie Gra (Bracey) Parr. Both of his parents were also natives of Isle of Wight County. His father was born there on July 13, 1900, and his mother on November 13, 1908. Robert J. Parr received his public school education in Windsor and later at Suffolk, and he graduated from Suffolk High School in 1944. For two years he was a student at Saint Helena Extension of the College of William and Mary. He received his professional train-

ing at the T. C. Williams School of Law of the University of Richmond, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws on September 6, 1950. Mr. Parr was absent from his studies at the time of World War II, serving in the United States Naval Reserve. In the years following the war, he was enlisted in the National Guard.

On February 10, 1951, Mr. Parr was admitted to the bar of the commonwealth. He has since practiced at Suffolk, with his own offices in the American Bank Building, engaging in a general practice. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Suffolk Bar Association, and the Virginia State Bar Association.

A Democrat in his politics, Mr. Parr has served as general registrar for the city of Suffolk, holding office from 1953 to 1956. As a veteran of World War II, he is a member of the posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also a member of the Cosmopolitan Club of Suffolk and formerly served as its president, and he holds membership in the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose, both at Suffolk. He is a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. Mr. Parr is fond of sports. He is a communicant of the Christian Church and through his connection there is active in Cub Scout program and teaches in the Sunday school.

In Nansemond County, on September 6, 1947, Robert J. Parr married Dorothy Elizabeth Kelly of Chuckatuck. She is the daughter of Jack and Nannie Ruby (Moody) Kelly. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Robert James, Jr., born August 24, 1948. 2. John Westwood, born October 10, 1951. 3. Belinda Sue, born on April 27, 1950.

WILLIAM HOLMES DAVIS—Few men are privileged to live as long and full a life as that of William Holmes Davis of Norfolk, traffic engineer and business executive. His organizational connections were many; and his efforts on behalf of civic causes, cultural projects and the cause of education won him the gratitude of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Davis was born in Petersburg on February 25, 1873, son of Joseph Claiborne and Mary Eleanor (Holmes) Davis. His forebears settled in Virginia in the colonial period. Joseph C. Davis was a native of Petersburg, and was a son of William C. Davis, who was the founder of Southern Female College of Petersburg. In the maternal line, William H. Davis' grandfather was Peter Green Holmes, a planter and a member of the Virginia Legislature,

who married Mary Eleanor Woodhouse. She was descended from colonial settlers in Princess Anne County.

Since his grandfather had founded Southern Female College, William H. Davis received a part of his education there, and later graduated from Randolph-Macon College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1882. In the early years of his career he taught school, first in North Carolina and later in Danville, Virginia, where he was headmaster of Randolph-Macon School. He also served a four-year term as superintendent of public instruction. He founded and operated for ten years a boys school in Danville, known as the Danville School for Boys. His active career as an educator covered a period of twenty-four years, and his interest in the cause of education remained with him throughout his life.

In 1918, Mr. Davis moved to Norfolk as an associate of Charles Syer and Company, merchandise brokers. The following year he founded the Virginia Forwarding Corporation, which today is the oldest export forwarding agency in the city. He was one of the early industrialists to realize the port city's shipping potential, and he devoted himself effectively to developing these possibilities. To increase shipping consignments through the port, he visited England and the Midwest during the 1920s. He organized, and served as first president and first chairman of the board of directors, of the Hampton Roads Maritime Exchange. He also organized the Export and Import Forwarding Association of Virginia. On numerous occasions, he was special representative of the Tobacco Association of the United States, in handling matters before committees in Congress, before the Interstate Commerce Commission, and in direct appeals to Presidents Coolidge and Roosevelt. He was past president of the Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Norfolk, and for many years was chairman of its foreign trade committee. He frequently contributed to trade publications in the United States and abroad, and spoke on occasion at annual conventions of the National Foreign Trade Council.

Until 1943, Mr. Davis remained head of the Virginia Forwarding Corporation, and from 1944 to 1948 he was traffic manager and public relations officer of Dichmann, Wright and Pugh, Inc., steamship owners, operators and agents. He became a traffic engineer in private practice in 1949, and continued until his retirement in 1952. For a time, Mr. Davis had resided in New York, operating an office there primarily for promoting the Port of Norfolk. He was the author of a booklet entitled "The World Trade of the Ports of Hampton Roads and New York."



Wm. Holmes Davis



J. F. Fitch

His interest in advanced education, continuing through life, never ceased to have its influence. When an editorial writer in a local newspaper commented on the significance of his career, he devoted considerable space to this aspect of Mr. Davis's accomplishments:

The goal of William Holmes Davis's life in his latter years was, as all of Norfolk knew, a four-year college. It is not too much to say that he lived it, dreamed it, and never departed far from it. The thought of a population concentration such as that in and around Norfolk without a four-year college was intensely repugnant to Mr. Davis's mind and soul. To this subject he addressed himself in innumerable ways: collecting information, refining arguments, writing an immense number of letters, buttonholing all who he thought could help his fight, and laboring with zeal to see that his case was distributed and understood. . . . Teaching was in his blood, and he hammered his points with dedicated determination.

He was active in other connections useful to his community. For some years he served as treasurer and chairman of the finance committee of the Travelers Aid Society, and he was a member of the official board of Epworth Methodist Church. He frequently appeared as a speaker on various occasions. A member of the Sons of the American Revolution, he served as historian of its Norfolk Chapter.

On September 1, 1898, at Holly Springs, Mississippi, William Holmes Davis married Mary Freer Matthews, daughter of James Alderson and Elizabeth Jennings (McKnight) Matthews, both natives of Tennessee. Her father was a veteran of service in the Confederate States Army, and was a prominent businessman at Holly Springs, where he and his wife spent their lives. Mrs. Davis studied music at Holly Springs, Memphis, and Philadelphia, and prior to her marriage, taught music at Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and throughout the years she has been active in the cultural and religious life of her community. She is a member of Epworth Methodist Church of Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Davis became the parents of four children: 1. William Holmes, Jr., born at Danville on August 13, 1899. He attended the schools of that city, and the University of Virginia. For a time he was associated with his father's business interests, and is now a partner in the firm of Davis and Lee, Inc., boat distributors of Norfolk. During World War II he served in the United States Navy with the rank of commander. He married Sue Lowell Powell of Princess Anne County. 2. Mary Matthews, born April 5, 1902; died January 1, 1903. 3. James Alderson, born June 15, 1905; died July 14, 1906. 4. Joseph Claiborne, born June 21, 1907. He is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth, and attended the University of Virginia for three years. He was formerly associated with his father's business interests, and in recent

years became a partner in Davis and Lee, Inc., of Norfolk. He married Margaret Virginia Baylor of that city, and they are the parents of four children: i. Joseph Claiborne, Jr., born April 23, 1935; now a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. ii. Holmes Mercer, born April 18, 1938; now attending the University of Virginia. iii. Richard Matthews, born June 19, 1941; a student at Maury High School. iv. Margaret Savage, born August 12, 1946.

Mr. Davis's death occurred on June 22, 1956. In local editorial columns, the following lines expressed the view of many of his fellow citizens regarding his character and achievements:

Mr. Davis was so much the prophet and preacher that the results of his enthusiasms were difficult to measure. But things are happening in Norfolk which he advocated in principle long ago; and although it was not his nature to be satisfied there is little doubt that in his unique way he influenced people and stimulated forces in the advances which he believed—which he knew—were essential. His death at the age of 83 takes away one of the unusual characters, one of the ruggedly individualistic personalities, of the town, but some ideas he championed go marching on.

JACK F. KITCHIN—In the allied fields of heavy construction and the rental of contractors' equipment, the name of Jack F. Kitchin has become widely and favorably known throughout the South. He is founder and owner of the Norfolk Contracting Company, and founder and president of the Kitchin Equipment Company, Inc., also a Virginia corporation, and in both positions he has played a prominent role in the heavy construction field in several Southern states.

Founded in 1939, with headquarters in Norfolk, The Norfolk Contracting Company has experienced steady progress. It has brought sound knowledge and skills, diversity, conscientious workmanship and economy to its management, and its improved methods of concrete construction have made it one of the region's leaders in that specialty. The firm has built dams, reservoirs, sewers, bridges, highway underpasses, airports and factories, and has completed many contracts for the federal, state and municipal governments. During World War II, its potential was devoted primarily to construction for the armed forces, including some thirteen projects in the Tidewater area alone. Major projects completed in the past few years include the Brambleton Avenue and the Tidewater Drive underpasses, both in Norfolk; all of the concrete work on the Smith-Douglas Fertilizer Plant at Wilmington, North Carolina; and the concrete Municipal Reservoir for the city of Wilmington, a four-million-dollar project. The firm has built concrete bridges throughout Virginia and the Carolinas.

The Kitchin Equipment Company, Inc., founded

in 1955, is one of the largest contractors' equipment rental agencies in the eastern United States. Its stock includes about five hundred pieces, including cranes with capacities ranging from eight to fifty tons, and booms measuring between twenty-five and one hundred and sixty feet, lowboy trailers, bulldozers, damshells, draglines, front-end loaders, pile-driving equipment, power shovels, trenching machines, well-point systems and tools, and air compressors. On the multi-million-dollar American Oil Refining Company's project at Yorktown, completed in 1956, the Kitchin Equipment Company furnished approximately seventy-five per cent of the contractor's equipment used. All the firm's equipment is kept in top operating condition, and the company has an excellent reputation for service.

Born June 3, 1904, in Gaffney, South Carolina, son of John S. and Verona (Smith) Kitchin, Jack F. Kitchin was brought up with a background in the construction business, for his father was prominent in that field throughout the Carolinas. He is now deceased, but Mrs. Kitchin is still living, and maintains the family home at St. Paul, North Carolina. She was born in Gainesville, Georgia. John S. Kitchin, a native of North Carolina, was a partner in the construction firm of Hobbs and Kitchin. The firm operated in the Carolinas, and constructed many highway bridges in that region following World War I. In his later years, John S. Kitchin continued in the construction field in his own name, and following his retirement, acquired a valuable farm at St. Paul, where he engaged in tobacco planting until his death in 1935. He and Verona (Smith) Kitchin became the parents of four sons: 1. Jack F., whose record follows. 2. Coley, who died in childhood. 3. William W., a tobacco farmer at St. Paul. 4. Paul A., head of the Kitchin Construction Company of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Attending the public elementary and high schools of Blacksburg, South Carolina, Jack F. Kitchin continued his studies at Campbell College at Buies Creek, North Carolina. This institution did not then offer a full college curriculum, but he completed his preparatory studies there then transferred to Wake Forest College, which is also in North Carolina. He was a student there for one year, then began his career in the construction field, with his father's organization. They continued together until 1935, when Jack F. Kitchin took over the equipment of the firm and began operating under his own name. He continued to center his work in North Carolina until 1939, when he moved to Norfolk. He was attracted to the city by the prospects of the Tidewater area, and he also acknowledges that "the climate was an added inducement for locating here." With his father's equipment and some bor-

rowed money ("It didn't take much to start out then"), he organized the Norfolk Contracting Company. The success with which he managed the firm led to large contracts from the first. As he acquired a sizable stock of equipment for heavy-contracting work, he conceived the idea of making the maximum use of it by renting to other contractors, and the outgrowth of these operations was formation of the Kitchin Equipment Company, Inc., in 1955.

As a member of the Tidewater Virginia Development Council, Mr. Kitchin is deeply interested in the promotion of the region's industrial potential. He is also a member of the Hampton Roads Post of the Society of American Military Engineers, the American Road Builders Association, the Virginia Road Builders Association and the Builders and Contractors Exchange, Inc., of Norfolk.

Apart from his trade connections, he is a Mason, a member of Doric Lodge No. 46 and Ionic Chapter No. 44 of the Royal Arch Masons, Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He and his family are communicants of the Campostella Heights Baptist Church. Mr. Kitchin has taken a friendly interest in Campbell College, which he once attended, and has made a generous contribution to its building fund.

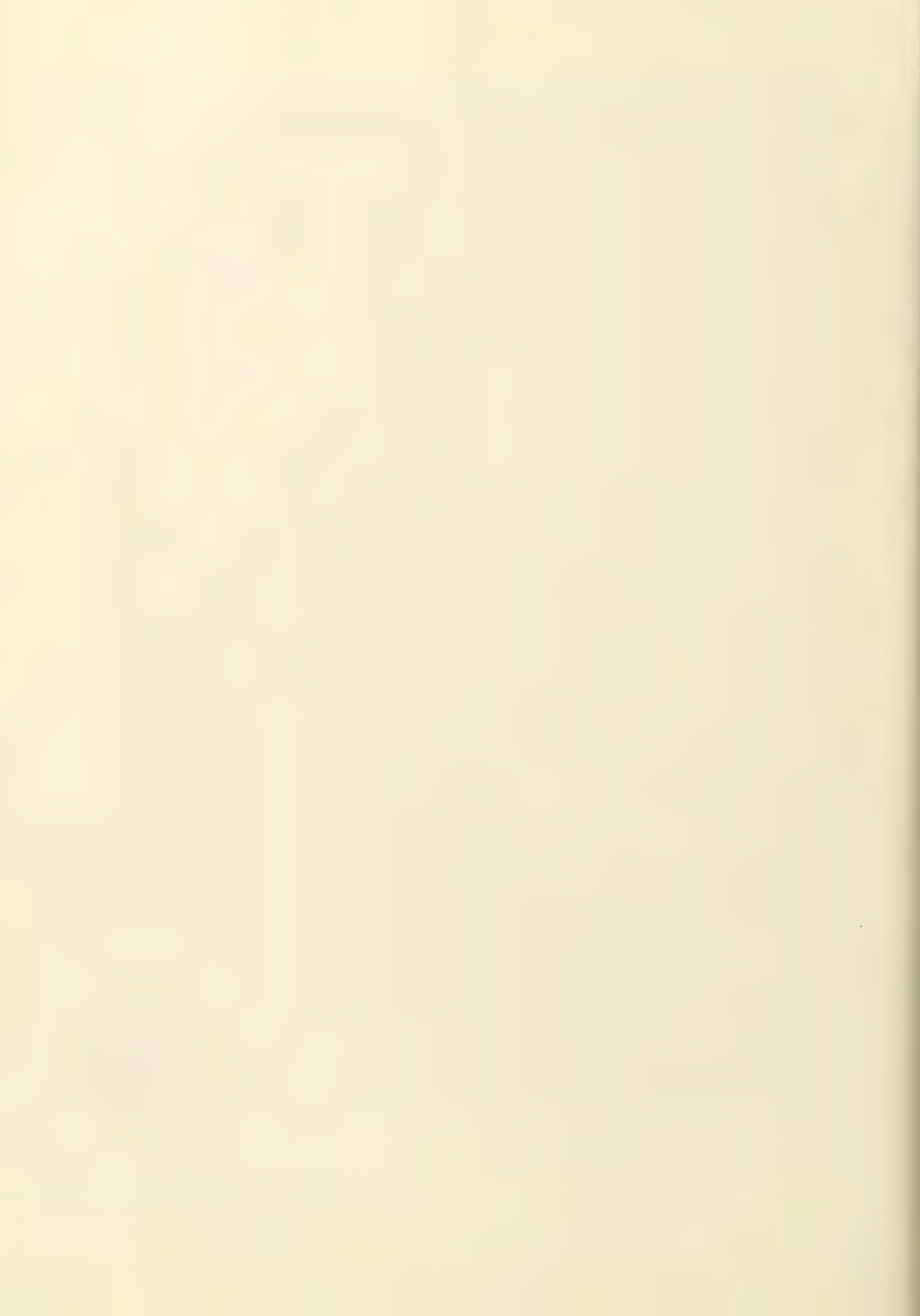
To indulge in his favorite sport of duck hunting, he acquired a large tract of land in the Great Marsh region of Currituck Sound in North Carolina, where he enjoys the sport at its best. He is also fond of deep-sea fishing, and on occasion goes to the waters off Key West, Florida, to pursue this pastime.

Jack F. Kitchin married, first, Mozelle Vestal of Elkin, North Carolina, who died in 1937. To this marriage were born two daughters: 1. Frances. She is the wife of Robert L. Baker, formerly of High Point, North Carolina, and now manager of equipment with the Kitchin Equipment Company. The couple have three sons: Keith, Wayne and Joseph Baker. 2. Joann, who married James L. Walski of Norfolk. He is superintendent of construction with the Norfolk Contracting Company. Mr. and Mrs. Walski have a daughter, Kay. Mr. Kitchin married, second, Wilma Hales of Blandenboro, North Carolina. They are the parents of four children: 3. Jack Frank, Jr., who is now attending Hargrave Military School. 4. Malinda, attending Great Bridge School. 5. Eloise, attending Norfolk Highland Elementary School. 6. Paul Andrew. The family's residence is on Sparrow Road, Norfolk, and Mr. Kitchin's business address is 4100 Indian River Road.

JAMES THOMAS COPLEY—As a general building contractor, James Thomas Copley heads



James H. Copley



his own firm, with headquarters at 810 Loudoun Avenue, Portsmouth, a firm engaged in the construction of commercial, institutional, industrial, and residential structures. His work is known not only in his own city, but in Norfolk and throughout Tidewater Virginia. He is both owner and directing head of the company known as James T. Copley, which since it was established in May 1952, has had few peers in the size and importance of the projects it has completed. Among these have been the Bell Mill Elementary School in the Deep Creek district, the addition to the Churchland High School, the Douglas Park Elementary School at Portsmouth, the three-quarter-million-dollar Lansdale Elementary School for Norfolk, the Maryview Hospital in Portsmouth, the Merchant and Farmers Bank Building at Alexander Corner, and many industrial and commercial structures.

Besides its major activities, in the construction field, the firm of James T. Copley contracts for the rental of heavy equipment and in grading and house-moving. In its normal operations, it has fifty people on its payroll, and their work takes them to all parts of the Tidewater area.

Mr. Copley is a native of Weston, West Virginia, and was born on December 28, 1919, son of Joseph W. and Catherine A. (Craft) Copley. His father was active his entire career as a driller for natural gas in West Virginia. He is now deceased. James T. Copley received his early education at St. Patrick's School in Weston and graduated from Weston High School in 1938. He then entered Wake Forest College in North Carolina, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1944, having taken the pre-law courses.

While a student there, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was called to active duty on April 1, 1943. He served in the Pacific with the Second Marine Division as a naval gunfire observer. At the time of his separation from the service on May 10, 1948, he held the rank of first lieutenant.

On May 15, 1948, Mr. Copley joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation as special agent and remained active in its important work until April 15, 1952, when he resigned. He then formed his own building contracting firm at Portsmouth, the record of which is detailed above. He is a member of the Builders and Contractors Exchange, Inc., and the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and attends St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Portsmouth.

On April 3, 1943, at Wake Forest, North Carolina, James T. Copley married Betsy Savage, daughter of John G. and Elizabeth (Davis) Savage. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. James Thomas, Jr., born June 26, 1947. 2. Joseph

Andrew, born September 7, 1950. 3. Michael Hamilton, born May 3, 1956. The family resides at 1304 Sterling Drive, Portsmouth.

ARTHUR RAY THOMPSON, SR.—As certified heating and plumbing contractor, Arthur Ray Thompson, Sr., heads his own firm with offices at 248 West 24th Street. He has to his credit over forty-five years' experience in his trade, and has been engaged in contracting at Norfolk since his return from military service in World War I.

Mr. Thompson is a Northerner by birth and a native of Richmond, Minnesota. He was born on July 6, 1891, son of Joshua Yaden and Margaret Ann (Trumm) Thompson. Both of his parents came to this country from the Province of Ontario, Canada. Joshua Thompson spent thirty years as mail carrier in Minnesota. He was also a veterinarian, and he devoted the later years of his life to farming. He died in 1948 at the age of eighty-six. Margaret Ann (Trumm) Thompson was seventy-two years of age when she died in 1942.

Reared and educated at Burtrum, Minnesota, Arthur R. Thompson gained experience in various occupations during his early years. He sheared sheep in Montana; worked on his father's farm; and was employed by a railroad, training to become a locomotive engineer. These various jobs he held before he had reached his majority; and by 1910 he had found his life work and apprenticed himself in the plumbing and heating trade in Minnesota.

He first engaged in construction work with the G. A. Keys Domestic Engineering Company of St. Paul, and remained with that concern until 1918. He then went to Wilmington, North Carolina, but remained there only a few weeks, arriving in Norfolk in February 1918. He worked with various contractors until June of that year, then left to join the United States Army. Entering active service in July, he went overseas after brief training, and was there when the war ended. He was promoted to sergeant on January 14, 1919, and received his honorable discharge on July 23rd of that year. He had participated in the Meuse-Argonne campaign before the war ended.

On resuming his civilian career, Mr. Thompson returned to Norfolk, and continued his work in the plumbing and heating trade under various contractors until 1921. At that time he established himself as a contractor in his own right, opening his own business at a location on Eighteenth Street near Granby Street. He later moved to Twenty-ninth Street, and successively occupied locations on Newport Avenue and at 529 Thirty-fifth Street before buying the building which his firm has occupied since 1946. Operating as a heating and plumbing contractor who installs com-

plete kitchens and gas and oil heating systems, as well as in repair work, he conducts his firm under the name of A. R. Thompson. He has a considerable and steady volume of business throughout the section, and has thirty men regularly on his payroll. His business has continued to grow in volume through the years, attesting to his reputation for reliability and competent service.

Mr. Thompson is now active in the executive management of a second firm, Aeson Distributing Corporation, which he organized in 1948. The organization distributes plumbing and heating supplies at wholesale. His son, Arthur Ray, Jr., is vice president, and Mrs. Arthur R. Thompson, Sr., is secretary-treasurer. He is a member of the Mechanical Contractors Association, the Plumbing and Heating Contractors Association, the Virginia Subcontractors Association and the Builders and Contractors Exchange.

In his own city, Mr. Thompson is active in the Chamber of Commerce. He is a Kiwanian with several one-hundred-percent records of attendance at meetings since he joined the organization on February 30, 1930. As a veteran of World War I, he is a member of the local posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A member of the Izaak Walton League, he has served on its national executive board, and his lodges are the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his family attend Knox Presbyterian Church. Mr. Thompson is a Republican in his politics. He is fond of hunting and fishing, and takes a deep interest in conservation.

On June 11, 1917, Arthur Ray Thompson married Eleanor Louise Tonnell, daughter of John and Christine Tonnell. Her mother was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota; and Mr. Tonnell, who was also a native of that state, became manager of the Rockville Granite Works at Rockville. He continued in that occupation for many years, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-two. Mrs. Tonnell died in 1925. Mrs. Thompson is secretary-treasurer of Aeson Distributing Corporation.

The couple are the parents of a son, Arthur Ray, Jr., born on August 28, 1920, in Norfolk. He graduated from Maury High School, then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He left his studies to join the United States Navy at the time of World War II, entering the service January 11, 1943. He served in the Pacific as a machinist's mate, first class, and received his honorable discharge on December 24, 1946. He learned the machinist's trade in the Navy, and after the war, worked in Los Angeles, California, for two years with the firm of Byron-Jackson. He also learned the plumbing and heating trade during

this period, at the end of which he joined his father in business. He has become active in the plumbing and heating industry, and is currently serving a term as president of the Master Plumbers and Heating Contractors of Norfolk, Inc. He was the first president of Buyers' Syndicate, Inc., of that city. A. R. Thompson, Jr., is a member of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, and serves on its board. He is also a member of the Izaak Walton League, the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Lafayette Country Club and the Exchange Club. Fishing and hunting are his favorite sports. He is a communicant of the Knox Presbyterian Church.

On February 13, 1945, Arthur Ray Thompson, Jr., married Phyllis May Gregory, who was born in Bristol, England. She is a member and past president of the Ladies Auxilliary of the Master Plumbers and Heating Association, and a member of the Ellsworth Garden Club and Izaak Walton League.

ELMER VIRGINIUS WILLIAMS, or E. V. WILLIAMS as he is best known, heads two corporations which have played, and continue to play, a vital part in the development of the Lower Tidewater regions. He is president and owner of the E. V. Williams Company, Inc., a contracting firm in Norfolk, and is president of the Williams Paving Company, Inc., of the same city.

A native of Norfolk, he was born on May 12, 1910, son of the late Edward L. and Birdie (Whitehurst) Williams. The Williams family is of Welsh and Irish descent, and the forebears who first came to this country settled in North Carolina. In the maternal line, E. V. Williams is descended from the Whitehurst and Woodhouse families, whose Colonial ancestors lived in Princess Anne County. Edward L. Williams was a native of South Mills, North Carolina, and for twenty-five years prior to his death in June 1940, was prominent in the construction field. He headed the contracting firm which bore his name in Norfolk, and worked on highway construction projects in Virginia and North Carolina. Following his death, Birdie (Whitehurst) Williams married Robert J. Upton, a Norfolk investment broker.

The second of three children born to his parents, E. V. Williams passed his boyhood in his native Norfolk, and graduated from Maury High School in 1929. For the next two years, he continued his education at the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, majoring in business administration. As a student there, he managed the football team for two years and the basketball team for one year.



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He began his career in the business world with the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk, as a runner. He remained on the staff of the bank for two years. His career in the construction field began in association with his father in the early 1930s, and they continued together until the elder man's death in June 1940. The son then managed the E. L. Williams contracting firm for the estate until 1941, when he bought the interests of the other heirs. It was at this time that the name of the firm was changed to E. V. Williams Company, Inc. From a very modest beginning, it has become one of the largest contracting firms in the Lower Tidewater Virginia, with major projects in several adjacent states as well. Engaged entirely in heavy construction, it specializes in building highways and streets, excavating, and building air bases and similar installations. Few other such firms can report such rapid development within the last few years. During the World War II period it held government contracts for installation projects in the Norfolk area, including the Norfolk Naval Base. Following the war, the firm engaged in a number of government construction projects. It has specialized in highway excavating work in Virginia and elsewhere in the East. Among its major projects of recent years is the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bridge-Tunnel project. The structure was formally opened to the public in May 1952. In connection with this immense project, the E. V. Williams Company, Inc., did all the excavating, grading and backfill in Norfolk and Berkley Plazas. Another major project is preparing the site of the American Oil Company refinery and terminals at Yorktown, Virginia. In addition to its construction work, the company is also listed as one of the largest heavy-equipment rental firms in the region.

Joining his brother, Edward L. Williams, on January 1, 1946, E. V. Williams founded the Williams Paving Company, Inc., of Norfolk. He is its president, and Edward L., Jr., is vice president. It contracts for concrete paving projects, and among these have been Langley Air Force Base and the Chincoteague Naval Air Base. In 1949-1950 the firm completed a major concrete paving project fourteen miles in extent, on the eastern extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. It is presently engaged in paving twenty miles of the northeastern extension of the turnpike. In their overall operations, the Williams firms give employment to about five hundred employees. General offices of both concerns are at 1269 East Princess Anne Road, Norfolk.

In other directions too, E. V. Williams' interests have contributed to the development of the Norfolk area, particularly in the realty field. He has developed the Elizabeth River Shores property,

the Elizabeth Park property and the Diamond Lake Homes. A member of the American Road Builders Association and of its Contractors' Division, he is currently serving as vice president. He is also vice president of the Hampton Roads Post of the Society of American Military Engineers. In his own city, he belongs to the Norfolk Kiwanis Club, Lodge No. 30, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club. He is a Baptist. Fond of outdoor sports, Mr. Williams enjoys following sports events as a spectator.

In 1952, Elmer Virginus Williams married Betty Bell of Knoxville, Tennessee. By a former marriage he has two daughters: 1. Virginia Louise. 2. Susan Lee.

EDWIN CARL FERGUSON, JR.—Since his return from service with the United States Navy in World War II, Edwin Carl Ferguson, Jr., has practiced law in Suffolk and is a partner in the firm of Woodward and Ferguson. He also has industrial interests and has taken a constructive part in the programs of civic, fraternal, and veterans' groups.

He was born July 14, 1917, at Suffolk, son of Edwin C. and Clementine (Martin) Ferguson. Both parents are now deceased. His father, born in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, became a manufacturer of farm implements in Suffolk, and the position he held during most of his mature years was that of general manager of the Ferguson Manufacturing Company. Clementine Martin, whom he married, was a native of Stuart.

Reared in Suffolk, Edwin C. Ferguson, Jr., attended its public schools and graduated from its high school in 1935. He took his advanced studies at the College of William and Mary and graduated there in 1939 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He also took his professional courses at that college and in 1941 received the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law. He had already been admitted, in June 1940, to the bar of the state of Virginia.

In 1941 he entered service in the United States Navy and served in its Air Corps from June of that year until October 1945. Commissioned an ensign, he was assigned to Patrol Bombing Squadron V. P. 84 and spent time in the European Theater of Operations as well as in Newfoundland, Iceland, and England.

When he returned to civilian life late in 1945, Mr. Ferguson began his practice of law at Suffolk as an associate of Thomas H. Woodward. Sometime later he became a partner in the firm of Woodward and Ferguson. He has continued in this partnership since. He is a member of the

Suffolk Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar Association.

Apart from his law practice, Mr. Ferguson is influential in industrial affairs as director of the Ferguson Manufacturing Company, Inc., of Suffolk. He is a Democrat in his politics and a member of the Rotary Club, American Legion Post No. 57, which he has served as commander; and the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 685, of which he has been exalted ruler. His fraternity is Pi Kappa Alpha. Mr. Ferguson attends Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, is a teacher in its Sunday school, and is a member of its vestry.

In Salisbury, Maryland, on June 30, 1945, Edwin Carl Ferguson, Jr., married Helen Phillips of that city, daughter of H. Lay and Lydia (Grier) Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are the parents of four children: 1. Gail Martin, born on October 25, 1946. 2. Carl Phillips, born on June 1, 1949. 3. Edwin Grier, born on December 16, 1951. 4. Lydia Sharon, born on May 28, 1953.

SOL WAITE RAWLS—Executive head of the firm at Franklin which bears his name, Sol Waite Rawls is also an official of other corporations, and plays a constructive role in the organizational as well as the business life of his community. He is a native of Nansemond County, and was born on May 3, 1888, son of Robert and Dianna (Cutchin) Rawls. His father was born on March 31, 1843, in Nansemond County, and his mother in that same county. Robert Rawls served the Confederate cause in Company I, 41st Virginia Regiment, Mahones Brigade. His peacetime years were spent in farming.

Sol W. Rawls attended Franklin High School, and completed his advanced courses at William and Mary College. He is a veteran of World War I, having served in naval aviation as a chief special mechanic. He was in naval service for nine months, of which seven and one-half were spent outside the limits of the continental United States.

Mr. Rawls began his business career as the owner of Rawls Garage in Franklin, Virginia, in 1912. He has been identified with his present firm since 1928, and has been its president since it was incorporated in 1947 known as S. W. Rawls, Inc. The firm is engaged in the oil and gasoline distributing business and is the local representative for Gulf products. Besides this major occupational interest, Mr. Rawls is vice president of the Home Telephone and Telegraph Company of Virginia, and he is a director of Vaughan and Company Bankers of Franklin, and Camp Foundation of Franklin.

Since 1933, Mr. Rawls has been a member of

the Virginia State Highway Commission and he is also a member of the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike Authority. For twenty years he served on the Franklin town council. He is a charter member and past president of the Franklin Rotary Club, a member of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, Virginia, the Princess Anne Country Club and the Cavalier Club both of Virginia Beach and the Cypress Cove Country Club of Franklin, Virginia. Mr. Rawls attends the Franklin Baptist Church. He is a Democrat in his politics.

On February 17, 1916, in Franklin, Sol Waite Rawls married Rowena Camp, daughter of J. L. and Carrie (Savage) Camp of Franklin. The couple are the parents of a son, Sol W., Jr., who is now associated with his father in business. He is married to the former Miss Ann Peace of Henderson, North Carolina, and they have four children: i. Ann Arendell born November 14, 1942. ii. Betsy Camp, born March 19, 1946. iii. Sol W., 3rd, born July 15, 1948. iv. Patricia Peace, born November 6, 1951.

FRANK EUGENE POWELL has made a significant contribution to Norfolk's industrial life since he came here nearly four decades ago. Shortly afterward he and his brother William J. Powell founded the American Sheet Metal Corporation, of which he now is president and treasurer.

Born at Pensacola, Florida, on August 17, 1898, he is a son of William J. and Anna S. (Boland) Powell. His father, also a native Floridan, was a machinist at Pensacola throughout his career. He died in 1901. Mrs. Powell survived him until June 7, 1932. She was born in Joliet, Illinois.

It was in that northern city that Frank E. Powell passed his boyhood years and received his public school education. He graduated from the Joliet Township High School. He supplemented his regular studies with courses at night school, and from International Correspondence School. He then apprenticed himself in the sheet metal trade, and after completing his training, came to Norfolk in 1917. He engaged in the sheet metal industry there. In 1921 he and his brother established the American Sheet Metal Corporation, to do a general line of roofing and sheet metal work in connection with the building industry. The company has worked on many large schools, government buildings, industrial structures, and homes throughout the eastern states, and has also conducted a large business in the manufacture of oil and gasoline storage tanks. They are completely equipped with welding power machinery for fabricating heavy plate. The plant is located between 26th and 28th streets and covers two full city blocks on Colley Avenue. It has become the center of a large trade, which has



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extended to such distant points as Massachusetts and Washington, D. C., as well as throughout the Carolinas, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. The firm employs between eighty and one hundred and twenty-five people. The firm's center of operations has grown with the increased volume of business in addition to a warehouse on 24th Street.

Besides this major business interest, Mr. Powell is president and treasurer of Lafayette Apartment Corporation. He is a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Izaak Walton Club, the Cosmopolitan Civic Club, the Lafayette Country Club, the Ryan Club and the Knights of Columbus. He is a Catholic in his religious faith and is free of political affiliations, voting independently. He is fond of hunting, fishing and boating.

Frank Eugene Powell married Hope Simmons, daughter of Samuel and Margareta (Carty) Simmons. Both of her parents were born in Boykins, Virginia, and her father was a farmer. He later became a grocer at Suffolk, Virginia, operating a store there until his death in 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Powell have two children: 1. William J., who was born in Norfolk on August 11, 1930. Completing a tour of duty in the army in 1955, which had included two years' service in France, he is now associated with his father in the American Sheet Metal Corporation. He married Julianne Childs. 2. Anne Hope, now attending Norfolk Catholic High School.

ALVIN W. NISSENBAUM—As general manager of Norfolk Linen Service, Alvin W. Nissenbaum heads the local organization of National Linen Service Corporation, a firm which does business throughout the South and has its headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia. Two hundred people are employed at the Norfolk plant alone, and Mr. Nissenbaum has under his direction the operation of a modern plant with ninety thousand square feet of floor space, serving people throughout the Tidewater area and the eastern shore of Virginia, and sections of North Carolina as well.

Mr. Nissenbaum is a native of Atlanta, and was born on July 23, 1915, son of Samuel E. and Pearl (Winer) Nissenbaum. His father, who was born in Germany, came to this country at the age of twelve. He settled in Atlanta, where he became a grocer, and operated his store until 1945, when he retired. He now resides in Washington, D. C. His wife, the former Pearl Winer, was born in Columbus, Georgia.

Passing his boyhood years in Atlanta, Alvin W. Nissenbaum attended public schools there, and on graduation from high school in 1932, entered

Georgia Institute of Technology, where he was a student for two years. He has since taken extra courses at the University of Chattanooga, in Tennessee.

His connection with National Linen Service Corporation began in his native city in 1935, when he accepted a position on its sales staff, with a territory covering the entire Southeast. In 1938 he was transferred to the Norfolk branch as local salesman, and continued in that capacity until 1941, when he was promoted to assistant manager of the plant. In 1946 he was transferred to Pensacola, Florida, to become manager of the branch in that city; and in 1949, he went to Macon, Georgia, to manage the plant there. He was transferred to the Chattanooga branch in 1951, and after remaining in charge there for one year, returned to Norfolk, rounding out his cycle of managerial posts in the post of general manager of Norfolk Linen Service, as that city's branch of the corporation is named. The plant is located at 2400 Hampton Boulevard, and there two hundred people are employed. The area of Virginia and North Carolina served by Norfolk Linen Service is extensive; and it gives an idea of the extent of the corporation's entire operations to consider that this is only one of forty-four such plants operated under the overall direction of National Linen Service Corporation. It is one of the largest of these forty-four plants, and Mr. Nissenbaum has brought to its management the skills acquired in his years of experience at the company's various locations. The Norfolk branch was opened in 1932; and the parent organization, National Linen Service Corporation, had its beginning in 1919. It was founded by I. M. Weinstein, who remained at its head until his death in 1954. At that time his son, Milton Weinstein, was elected president. In all, about seven thousand people earn their livelihoods in the corporation's more than twoscore plants, and a fleet of twelve hundred trucks establishes contact between these plants and customers throughout the South.

Mr. Nissenbaum is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Lafayette Yacht and Country Club and the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is of Jewish faith, and a member of B'nai B'rith. Politically, he is free of party commitment, and votes independently. He finds his recreation in gardening and fishing.

On March 13, 1943, Alvin W. Nissenbaum married Clarice Honea, daughter of John and Pearl (Downey) Honea. Her father was born in South Carolina and her mother in Virginia. He is now deceased, but Mrs. Honea survives him and makes her home in Beckley, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Nissenbaum reside at 151 Lembla Street.

R. BAIRD CABELL—Completing his law training after his return from Air Corps service in World War II, R. Baird Cabell has practiced at Franklin since that time.

Born January 4, 1923, in Norfolk, he is a son of Powhatan Algernon and Elizabeth Gertrude (Meyerhoffer) Cabell. His father, born in Danville, Virginia, on June 8, 1876, is still living although now retired from business pursuits. Mrs. Cabell is also living. She was born in Augusta County on July 28, 1893.

After attending public schools in Franklin and graduation from its high school in 1940, R. Baird Cabell entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he was a student for three years. He then enlisted for service in the Coast Artillery Corps of the United States Army, later transferring to the United States Army Air Corps. He served for a year in the Pacific theater and attained the rank of first lieutenant. He was separated from the service on September 16, 1946.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Cabell enrolled at the University of Virginia and graduated there on October 12, 1948, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He had already been admitted to the bar, on August 10, 1948, and since the time he completed his professional studies, he has practiced at Franklin. In addition to conducting his general practice independently, Mr. Cabell is currently serving as judge of the Civil and Police Court, and as judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of the town of Franklin. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar and the Southampton County Bar Association.

In his politics he is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Lions Club of Franklin and of the 9475th Air Force Reserve Squadron. He also belongs to the Cypress Cove Country Club. Mr. Cabell is a Presbyterian and serves as an elder of his church and formerly served as superintendent of its Sunday school.

R. Baird Cabell has been twice married. He married, first, Jeanne Quebodeaux of Duson, Louisiana, on October 11, 1946. She died on May 14, 1952. On October 11, 1953, Mr. Cabell married, second, Norma Ann Holloway of South Hill, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Robert Baird, Jr., born July 30, 1954. 2. Frank Holloway, born January 4, 1957.

HARRY RAINEY BYBEE, D.C.—For over forty years Dr. Harry Rainey Bybee occupied a place of eminence in the chiropractic profession. Practicing in Norfolk, he earned nationwide recognition among his colleagues, and was at one time president of the National Chiropractic Association. From the beginning of his professional career

in Norfolk, in 1911, to the close of his life, he proved himself a man whose career was motivated by devotion to the art of healing, and by the service he could render through his skills. He was beloved by all who knew him.

A native of Lancaster, Ohio, he was born on February 18, 1891, the son of the late Dr. Burt H. and Clara (Hall) Bybee. The professional interest in chiropractic was a recurrent theme in the family, for Dr. Burt H. Bybee followed the same calling for many years, in Norfolk and Richmond. Dr. Harry R. Bybee received his advanced training at Michigan College of Chiropractic. Graduating there with his doctor's degree, he began practice in Norfolk in 1911. He established offices in the New Monroe Building, and for a number of years also operated the Dr. H. R. Bybee Clinic at 631 Westover Avenue, at Manteo Street.

His professional competence won him speedy recognition in various parts of the country; and among the large clientele which he served were numbered not a few celebrities, including, over the years, the Rev. Billy Sunday, General John J. Pershing, Billy Southworth, baseball player Phil Rizzuto and singers Al Jolson and Frank Sinatra. Dr. Bybee possessed a genuine love for humanity, and a true zeal for his role in alleviating ills. His professional endeavors won him the esteem and affection of thousands of patients.

Dr. Bybee was elected president of the National Chiropractic Association in 1949 and served in that office until 1950. In the course of his tenure, he was honored by being presented the key to the Capitol in Washington, by Representative Horace O. Louve, and also the key to the Senate Chamber by Vice President Alben Barkley. In addition to heading the National Chiropractic Association, he had served as president of the All-Southern States Association, as president of the Tri-State Chiropractic Society, as president of the Virginia Chiropractic Society, and as an official of the National Council of Chiropractic Roentgenologists.

Finding time in his busy career for civic and fraternal activities, he was a member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Norfolk. He was a member of Charity Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and past chancellor commander of the order. He was also a member of the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club. His favorite sport was golf, and as a hobby he enjoyed raising tropical fish. He was a communicant of the First Baptist Church.

At Winchester, Kentucky, on October 19, 1915, Dr. Harry Rainey Bybee married Lucile DuVal Perryman, a native of Vevay, Indiana, and daugh-



Harry C. Byrd.



E. L. Bayne Jr.

ter of the Reverend George Washington and Sallie (Waters) Perryman. Her father was a native of Kentucky and a Baptist minister. A graduate of the Louisville Baptist Seminary, he had served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Norfolk. He died at Winchester, Kentucky, on December 29, 1915. His wife, the former Sallie Waters, was a native of Danville, Kentucky, and died July 1, 1944, at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Mrs. Bybee is a graduate of Georgetown College at Georgetown, Kentucky, and formerly taught in the Franklin Female Seminary, after which she was for a time a teacher in Norfolk's public school system, holding that position during the two years prior to her marriage. She is active in community affairs and in the First Baptist Church of Norfolk. She is a past president of the Larchmont Parent-Teacher Association. Through her maternal ancestry, she is entitled to membership in the Old Dominion Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in which she is active. Dr. and Mrs. Bybee became the parents of three children: 1. Lucile Perryman, who was born on May 1, 1917. She is a graduate of the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, where she took her degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is now the wife of William S. Portlock, Jr., of Norfolk. Mr. Portlock majored in business administration at the College of William and Mary, and served in the United States Army during World War II. He is now engaged in business in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Portlock have two children: i. Lucile Bybee. ii. William S., III. 2. Harry Rainey, Jr., D.C., who carries the practice of the chiropractic profession into the third generation in his family. He is a graduate of Lincoln College of Chiropractic at Indianapolis, Indiana, and now practices in Norfolk, occupying for many years offices in the New Monroe Building previously occupied by his father. His office is now located in the Driver Building. Dr. Harry R. Bybee, Jr., was born on December 9, 1919. He is married to the former Miss Dardanella Carpenter, and they have two children: i. Harry Rainey, III. ii. Roberta Vince Bybee. 3. Mary Virginia, born on October 15, 1923. She attended the College of William and Mary, and married Stanley Victor Puidokas of Kenosha, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, from which he holds the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering. He served in the United States Navy during World War II, being in the Pacific and attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. He is now a member of the engineering staff of Nash Motor Company at Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he and Mrs. Puidokas make their home. They are the parents of a son, Stanley Victor.

Dr. Bybee's death on April 5, 1952 deprived the people of his region of the services of a most skilled and devoted professional man, whose record is an honor to the practice of chiropractic medicine.

ELWOOD LEE BOYCE, JR.—Proprietor of the Tidewater Lumber Company in Portsmouth, Elwood Lee Boyce, Jr., heads a firm which has become well known, in the course of its decade and one half of existence, as a distributor of lumber, millwork, windows and doors, insulation, wallboard, builders' hardware, and paint. It serves builders throughout an area comprising Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, and Norfolk County. In its overall operations, this firm, which has its headquarters at 102-108 Dahlgren Avenue, employs thirty people, and it uses ten pieces of equipment in its delivery service. With thousands of square feet of storage space in its six buildings, it is equipped and stocked to furnish a complete line of lumber and supplies for the building trade.

Elwood L. Boyce, Jr., follows in the footsteps of his father, who was long identified with the lumber industry and other business interests in Portsmouth. The elder Elwood L. Boyce began his business career in Portsmouth in 1909, when he founded the E. L. Boyce Bicycle Shop on Glasgow Street. In the years which followed, until his semi-retirement in 1948, he engaged successfully in a variety of business enterprises, including wood and coal retailing. He headed both the Boyce Hardware Company and E. L. Boyce Lumber Company, all of his interests being centered in the Glasgow Street and Belt Line Railroad area of Portsmouth. About 1933 he sold both the coal and the hardware interests to Clinton C. Boyce and incorporated the E. L. Boyce Company. Of this corporation he became the president, while Aubrey G. Sweet, Sr., was secretary and treasurer, and Clinton C. Boyce vice president. In 1948 he sold his interest in the lumber firm to Aubrey G. Sweet, Sr., who formed the firm of Aubrey G. Sweet, Inc. Since 1948 the elder Mr. Boyce has remained active in the lumber business in an advisory capacity to his son in the operation of the Tidewater Lumber Company.

Elwood L. Boyce, Sr., married Mary Ethel Johnson, and Elwood L., Jr., was the youngest of their four children. He was born in Portsmouth on July 2, 1918, was reared, and received his public school education there. In 1935 he graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in June 1940.

A member of the Reserve Officers Training

Corps during his student days, he was commissioned a second lieutenant on his graduation and remained in the United States Army Reserve Corps. Called into active duty in 1941, he served in the European theater during World War II, and at the time of his separation from the service in December 1945, at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, he held the rank of major.

In 1940, a short time before leaving for military service, Mr. Boyce had organized the Tidewater Lumber Company, and when he returned to civilian life, he resumed its management. He has since expanded its operations until today it is one of the largest firms of its kind in the Portsmouth area and stocks the best lumber and building materials lines in the trade. C. C. Watson is assistant manager.

Concurrently with his career as a business executive, Mr. Boyce has played a vital role in civic affairs. He has served on the board of directors of the Portsmouth Community Chest and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He also belongs to the Exchange Club, which he served as president in 1957, and was elected as a member of the board of control of the Virginia State Exchange Clubs in 1957. His fraternal affiliations are Naval Lodge No. 100, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the International Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, which draws its membership among lumbermen nationwide. He is also a member of the Virginia Building Materials Association. He belongs to the United States Power Squadron and attends the Park View Baptist Church.

On February 7, 1942, at Hampton, Virginia, Elwood Lee Boyce, Jr., married Miss Shirley Taylor Bortner, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and daughter of Sherman Sidney and Mary Katherine (Pierce) Bortner. Mrs. Boyce received her degree of Bachelor of Science in Education from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia in 1941. She is active in civic and community affairs, being a member of the Richard Dale Women's Club. For two years she served as chairman of the Mother's March of Dimes for the Portsmouth area. Mr. and Mrs. Boyce are the parents of three children: 1. Elwood Lee, III, born March 19, 1943. 2. Judy Katherine, born February 16, 1947. 3. Patricia, born August 26, 1951.

MISS FANNIE SHEPHERD RIDDICK of Suffolk has proved herself one of the Lower Tidewater region's most capable business women. She has had a number of years' experience in automobile retailing and is now partner in the ownership and management of Suffolk Motor Company, dealers in Buicks and Pontiacs.

She was born at Suffolk on October 1, 1892, daughter of Burwell and Ada Browne (Shepherd) Riddick. Her father, born in Beaufort County, North Carolina, on January 8, 1857, was a building contractor, who headed his own business at Suffolk for many years. He built many of that city's early commercial buildings. His death occurred there on March 13, 1930. Mrs. Riddick survived him until February 28, 1936. She was born in Norfolk on May 18, 1860.

Miss Fannie S. Riddick attended the public schools of Suffolk and graduated from high school there in 1910. In 1930 she started an automobile agency in that city, under the name of the Covington Motor Company, holding franchise for the sale of Buicks and Oldsmobiles. Miss Beatrice Saunders and John R. Covington were her partners in the ownership and management of this agency.

In 1933 the present automobile sales firm was formed. Known as Suffolk Motor Company from the time it was founded, it is headed by Miss Riddick in partnership with James Alfred Russell. Buicks and Pontiacs, the two popular medium-priced General Motors cars, are sold here, and there is also an extensive repair and accessories business at the West Washington Street headquarters. Suffolk Motor Company has thirty people on its payroll.

Miss Riddick is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and attends the Main Street Methodist Church, where she has served as a member of the official board and continues to be active.

RALPH ALONZO CATHEY—Executive vice president and general manager of The Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., Ralph Alonzo Cathey is playing a conspicuous and vital part in the long-established firm's present-day development.

Born May 28, 1905, at Norfolk, he is a son of Alonzo Forrest and Annie C. (Hipp) Cathey. His father, who founded the Coca-Cola bottling plant in Norfolk, is given a prominent place elsewhere in this volume; and in his record and those of other executives of the company in the present day, can be gleaned a rather full picture of the development of this important enterprise. Ralph A. Cathey, sixth of the eight children born to his parents, received his education in the public schools of Norfolk, graduating from Maury High School in 1923. Like his brothers, he became acquainted with the business at an early age, working at the Norfolk plant during summer vacations. Following his graduation from high school, he entered the business on a full-time basis, and after his father's death in 1938, was made executive vice



Ralph A. Cathey

president and general manager, with offices at Norfolk.

In the course of his connection with the organization, the present plant at 731 Duke Street was erected, in 1925; and over the years, bottling plants have been established at Exmore, Suffolk and Gloucester. Mr. Ralph A. Cathey's role in management has brought him such duties as working on the job of wartime conversion, enabling the plant to bottle in excess of five hundred thousand gallons of Coca-Cola syrup in the course of only one year, for supplying the armed forces; and also the reconversion to peacetime production and setting up a schedule of distribution throughout Norfolk, Nansemond, Isle of Wight, Northampton, Accomack, Gloucester and York counties, and parts of Southampton, Sussex and Surry counties, Virginia, and Gates County, North Carolina. The company maintains a present production volume of about three and a half million cases of the popular beverage annually, and employs four hundred and fifty persons. He helped formulate the plans which brought about the great expansion program now in the course of completion. On the site bounded by Monticello and Armistead avenues, 20th and 21 streets, a modern garage building measuring three hundred by two hundred and fifty feet was erected in 1947, and this structure also houses the cooler-service department, the advertising department, case repair and painting departments, truck repair shop, machine shop, heating plant, and space for one hundred and twenty-five trucks. On the same site the new home of the Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., was erected during 1957, with the most modern equipment available to bottle more than a million gallons annually. The most recent unit of the plant, completed in 1953, is still a current example of up-to-date design and efficient planning, and the pace goes on, indicative of the progressive attitudes and vision of the present management.

Ralph A. Cathey is a member of the Virginia Manufacturers of Carbonated Beverages and serves on its board of directors. He is also a member of the National Coca-Cola Bottlers Association. In his own city, he is a member, and formerly served as director of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Rotary Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Princess Anne Country Club. He has been very active in civic projects, especially the Boys' Club of Norfolk, which remains a major welfare interest. He served on the Norfolk Selective Service Appeal Board during World War II. He is a communicant of the Ghent Methodist Church. Fishing and hunting are his favorite sports.

On January 6, 1946, Ralph Alonzo Cathey married Rosabel Gregory of Lynchburg, Virginia. They make their home at 1617 Powhatan Place, Norfolk.

LOUIS L. FRIEDMAN—After some years' experience in various industrial fields, Louis L. Friedman acquired management and ownership of the Bonney Tile and Terrazzo Corporation, a Norfolk firm which has a long record of service in selling and contracting for the installation of tile, linoleum, and marble.

He was born at Norfolk on July 10, 1908, and is a son of Samuel and Lena (Pomerantz) Friedman. Both parents were born in Russia and came to America in 1901. His father was a master mechanic and engineer, but after arriving in this country, he engaged in wholesaling trade and dealt in real estate. He died in May 1935, at the age of seventy-two, and his wife, the former Lena Pomerantz, survived him until October 1955, when she died in her seventy-eighth year.

Louis L. Friedman spent his early years in Norfolk and attended public schools there. He graduated from Maury High School in 1923, then entered the University of Virginia. He studied Chemical Engineering there, and left his studies to enter practice in that profession. Two years later he became office manager with the Carnegie Office Appliance Company, advancing to a general managership in the course of his four years' connection with that firm. He left to organize the Royal Typewriter Sales Company, and he had successfully operated his own firm for one year when his entire stock was stolen, and he had to launch his business career anew. For about a year he acted as representative of an artist, Verne G. Webster, and terminated this connection to accept a position as clerk with the Rosedale Dairy. He was promoted to sales manager of this firm and, after about a year and one-half, resigned to join the West Disinfecting Company of Richmond.

This connection continued for eleven years. He studied sanitary engineering and safety engineering and served the firm as safety engineer and divisional sales manager. He then went to work for the city of Richmond as sanitary engineer and chief sanitary officer, resigning after one year and returning to the West Disinfecting Company. This time he remained through the World War II years as consultant in safety and sanitary engineering. He left permanently at the end of 1945.

In 1946 Mr. Friedman joined his brother in the beverage distribution business as Beer Distributors, Inc., holding the positions of vice president, treasurer, and sales manager of the company. The

brothers continued their business association until 1953. At that time Louis L. Friedman bought the controlling interest in Bonney Tile and Terrazzo Company, a firm which has long been a leader in its field, winning a large measure of public confidence and a sizable trade in the Lower Tidewater area. It serves customers in North Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and South Carolina as well. The firm, of which he has since been president and treasurer, has its headquarters at 756 West Twenty-First Street, Norfolk, and employs thirty people.

Mr. Friedman is a member of the National Association of Sanitarians and the American Society of Safety Engineers. In his own city he belongs to the Amity Club, and his fraternity is Alpha Epsilon Pi. He is of Jewish faith and a Democrat in his politics. Among outdoor sports, Mr. Friedman is partial to boating, and he has a variety of hobbies including writing, woodworking, and photography. He is also fond of hunting and fishing.

On June 16, 1946, Louis L. Friedman married Gloria F. Freedman, daughter of Meyer and Jeanne (Friedman) Freedman. Her father, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was a lieutenant in the police force in that city and later operated a package liquor store in Atlantic City. He died in April 1954. Mrs. Freeman survives him and makes her home in Ventnor City, New Jersey. She was born in Atlantic City. Mr. and Mrs. Friedman make their home at 102 D Suburban Parkway, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Bonnie Dale, who was born on March 3, 1950. 2. Stuart D., born December 14, 1951. 3. Meryl Sue, born March 4, 1953.

FRED REID ERVIN—As president of Ervin and Snow, Inc., with headquarters at 4111 Killam Avenue, Norfolk, Reid Ervin is a young man who brings thorough training and experience to the management of this firm of mechanical contractors and engineers.

He was born at Landis, North Carolina, on February 17, 1921, son of William M. and Mary Elizabeth (Collins) Ervin. William M. Ervin, who was born at Troutman, North Carolina, became a barber at Duke University in that state. He is still there, is now the oldest man on the campus, and has seen the famous University grow from Trinity College to its present size and prestige. Elizabeth (Collins) Ervin was born at Mooresville, North Carolina.

Reared in the university town of Durham, Reid Ervin attended the public schools there and graduated from its high school in 1938. He then entered Duke University, completed his courses, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of

Science in Mechanical Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in the states of North Carolina and Virginia. He went on from Duke to advanced courses at California Institute of Technology, and in July 1941, entered the service of the United States Navy. He was in uniform until February 1946. Entering with a commission as ensign, he advanced to the rank of lieutenant, and remained in the Naval Reserve Corps until 1954.

On completing his active service in 1946, he entered the contracting field. For one semester, he was also instructor in mechanical subjects at Duke University. After one and a half years' experience in contracting in North Carolina, he came to Norfolk, and there, in association with W. W. Snow, organized the mechanical contracting and engineering firm of Ervin and Snow, Inc. He has been president of the firm since 1952. It specializes in plumbing, heating and air conditioning contracts, both government and civilian, and serves customers within a one-hundred-mile radius of Norfolk. Through the skill of its management, it has been built into a sizable organization, currently employing forty people. It occupies an attractive modern office building which was erected for the firm's use in 1952, at 4111 Killam Avenue.

Mr. Ervin is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Air Conditioning Engineers, and the Society of American Military Engineers. Active in the work of the Boy Scouts of America, he serves as Troop Committeeman of his local council. A Kiwanian, he is currently serving as vice president of the club at Virginia Beach, and his other memberships include Princess Anne Country Club and the Lafayette Yacht Club. Mr. Ervin attends the Episcopal Church and teaches a Sunday school class there. He is an independent in his politics. His hobby interests include motor boating, and he maintains a small boat. He is also fond of golf. The Ervin home is located at 107 77th Street, Virginia Beach.

On March 12, 1943, Fred Reid Ervin married Frances Hart Broughton, daughter of Alex B. and Frances Clayton (Hart) Broughton. Her mother was born in Chuckatuck, Virginia, and now resides in Norfolk. She survives Alex B. Broughton, who died on July 4, 1955. A native of Norfolk, he was an accountant all his life. Mrs. Ervin's maternal grandfather, Charles Hart, served for twenty years as clerk of court of Isle of Wight County. Mrs. Ervin is active in the Cape Henry Women's Club, and the Newcomers' Club of Virginia Beach, and she is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Reid Hart, born March 8, 1944. 2. Stephen Collins, born February 7, 1948. 3. Diane Broughton, born February 6, 1952.



Reid Evers



Jesse Blossworth

GEORGE ETHELBERT SHIELD—President of The Shackelford Auto Company, Inc., George Ethelbert Shield heads the oldest continuously operating dealership in eastern Virginia. The firm, which has its showrooms and service facilities at 327-339 Twenty-fifth Street, Newport News, was founded in 1908 by the late W. R. Shackelford. When Mr. Shield joined the organization in 1920 and for some time afterwards, it was a Ford sales agency, but in 1935 it accepted a franchise from Chrysler Corporation to sell Plymouth cars and Dodge cars and trucks. While he has been playing his important part in the management of The Shackelford Auto Company, Mr. Shield has also become prominent in civic affairs, organizations, and welfare causes.

Born at Newport News on March 31, 1905, he is a son of Ethelbert Cary and Zaidee Alleen (Mountcastle) Shield. His father was in the insurance business and, prior to his death, was manager of the local office of The Prudential Life Insurance Company. He was a member of the Newport News City Council from 1912 to 1924. George E. Shield attended local public schools, graduated from Newport News High School, then entered the College of William and Mary, where he was a member of the Class of 1926.

He had first joined The Shackelford Auto Company in 1920, working on a part-time basis as a clerk in the stock department. He continued there, on a part-time basis, until his graduation from Newport News High School in 1922, and he worked the same department during the summer months while attending the College of William and Mary. In 1924, deciding that the firm offered him a career opportunity, he left college to gain practical experience in automobile sales. In that year he began his permanent connection with The Shackelford Auto Company as retail automobile salesman. In 1929 he was promoted to the position of sales manager and in 1937 became general manager. Mr. Shackelford died on November 20, 1940. At that time the firm was incorporated, and Mr. Shield purchased the majority of the stock and became president of the firm.

The facilities of the company, which has been a Dodge and Plymouth agency for the past twenty years, have grown and expanded with the progress of the community. When it began its existence in 1908, it occupied a small one-story building only twenty-five feet in width. Today it owns a two-story brick building measuring one hundred seventy-five by one hundred feet, and containing thirty-seven thousand, five hundred square feet of floor space. A used-car department has five thousand square feet of floor space, and a service station is operated adjacent to this department.

Mr. Shield has served as area chairman of the

National Automobile Dealers Association, and he has served at various times on the boards of directors of the Peninsula Automobile Trade Association, the Newport News-Hampton Automobile Dealers Association, and the Virginia Automotive Trade Association, in each of which he retains membership. He is also a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association's Thirty Year Club and of the Automobile Old Timers.

Respected in his city for the role he has played in civic and welfare connections, Mr. Shield has served on the boards of the Retail Merchants Association, the Peninsula Industrial Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Chest, and the local chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Newport News, the Pioneers Club of that city, the James River Country Club, and Bremond Lodge No. 241, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of Dalcho Consistory No. 1 of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the First Methodist Church of Warwick and is a member of its official board of stewards.

At the Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg on September 21, 1935, George Ethelbert Shield married Nancy Watson Johnston, daughter of George Gordon and Kate Michie (Collins) Johnston. Mr. and Mrs. Shield have two children: 1. George Ethelbert, Jr., born November 29, 1937. 2. David Gordon, born June 8, 1940.

JESSE BLOODWORTH—Over the past decade, Tidewater Realty Company has been playing an increasingly prominent part in the development and transfer of residential and commercial properties in the Norfolk area. The owner of this firm, which has its headquarters at 4133 Granby Street, is Jesse Bloodworth. He is also vice president of Colonial Group, Inc., a mortgage loan firm, which he serves as manager of its Norfolk office.

A native of Wilmington, North Carolina, Mr. Bloodworth was born on July 9, 1916, son of William E. and Emma (McLendon) Bloodworth. Both parents were likewise born in the Wilmington area. William E. Bloodworth has spent most of his life as a grocer and retired in 1946. He was engaged in defense production with Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation during the World War I period, and thereafter until his retirement was in the grocery business in Norfolk. In that city, Jesse Bloodworth spent his boyhood years and received his public school education. He graduated from Maury High School in 1933, and began his career in Washington, D. C., as

an employee of the Virginia Life and Casualty Insurance Company. After two and a half years, he was promoted to assistant manager of the Washington office of that firm, and served for three years in that capacity.

As this country entered the World War II period, he sought work more directly connected with the nation's defense, and entered the employ of an aircraft plant in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was assistant chief dispatcher in charge of wing production control. He was assistant chief dispatcher for two years, then left to join the United States Navy, in which he received special training and worked in civilian readjustment. He received his discharge from the Navy on March 15, 1946. At that time he was stationed in Norfolk.

When he resumed civilian life in 1946, he opened his own business, Tidewater Realty Company, which he has headed since. It has become a sizable organization, employing twenty-two people. Besides owning and managing this firm, and serving as vice president of Colonial Group, Inc., in charge of its Norfolk office, Mr. Bloodworth is also the owner of Ace Employment Agency in Norfolk.

At the present time he is serving as president of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Real Estate Board, Inc. He was vice president of the Virginia Real Estate Association in 1955, and serves as the state's representative in the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers.

In his own city he was a member of the board of directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and is now an active member of Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. He has an interest in the Kempsville Meadows Golf and Country Club, which he and two life-long friends John T. Kelly and Albert L. Bouney founded in 1954. He is a member of the Exchange Club and Atlantic Lodge No. 2, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the higher bodies of the York Rite, and of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Methodist Church. Mr. Bloodworth is interested in the home-centered hobbies of motion-picture projection and model railroading, and his favorite sports are golf and fishing. He is vitally interested in all civic affairs, including the program of the Young Men's Christian Association.

On June 21, 1945, Jesse Bloodworth married Hazel B. Clayton of Atlanta, Georgia, daughter of James Patterson and Lou Ella (Scott) Clayton. Both of her parents were born in Alabama, in Cleburne County. Her father was a farmer in that state throughout his life. He died in June 1956, at the age of eighty, having survived his wife by three years. Mrs. Bloodworth is vice president of the Hampton Gardens Garden Club. She takes

a vital interest in vocal music, and sings in her church choir. She is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. The couple make their home at 140 Westmont Avenue, Norfolk. They are the parents of three children: 1. Sharon, born October 12, 1946. 2. Jeffrey, born on March 3, 1950. 3. Deborah Anne, born September 9, 1957.

THOMAS EUGENE BARRETT—Although Thomas Eugene Barrett was a comparatively young man at the time of his retirement in 1943, he had already built up a successful business in Norfolk, and had attained a responsible position in the city's civic life as well as in commercial circles. He made a distinctive contribution to the welfare and prosperity of the community.

He was born May 31, 1885, in Southampton County, Virginia, son of Pitt Thomas and Arye Anna (Williamson) Barrett. His ancestry in both lines goes back to colonial days in Virginia and North Carolina. His mother was a daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Maria Louisa (Hungerford) Williamson, and the latter was a daughter of Captain W. and Helen (Wray) Hungerford, of Westmoreland County. Benjamin Franklin Williamson was born at Mannings Neck, Hereford County, North Carolina, on June 16, 1814. His wife, the former Maria Louisa Hungerford, was born in Westmoreland County in the residence of Colonel John Hungerford on October 19, 1823. The Barrett family had settled in Southampton County at an early date. Pitt Thomas and Arye Anna (Williamson) Barrett moved from Southampton County to Norfolk in 1887, and lived in that city the remainder of their lives. He died in 1917, and she in 1912.

Two years old when his parents came to Norfolk, Thomas E. Barrett attended its public schools, and as a young man, entered the dry cleaning business. His entire career was centered in that industry, and he managed his own firm, known as Tom Barrett the Cleaner, by which he was widely recognized in the city. He remained active in the direction of this firm until 1943, when a heart ailment forced his retirement. Selling his interests, he moved to Princess Anne County, near Kempsville, where he lived in retirement until his death on January 7, 1950.

In Norfolk, Mr. Barrett was a leader in religious and civic groups. He was a member of the Colonial Avenue Methodist Church, and had formerly served on its board of stewards. For many years he belonged to Corinthian Lodge No. 266, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of



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the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club.

On May 4, 1929, in the Knox Presbyterian Church in Norfolk, Thomas Eugene Barrett was married to the former Miss Susie Barrett, the Reverend W. H. T. Squires officiating. She is the daughter of the late Lucilius and Nannie (Story) Barrett of Southampton County, and granddaughter of John and Sarah (Darden) Barrett, and of Parker and Saphronia (Barnes) Story, all of that county, and descendants of early settlers in Virginia. Mrs. Barrett was educated at Longwood College, Farmerville, Virginia, and the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg. Prior to her marriage she taught in the Jamestown Junior High School at Jamestown, Virginia, and the Varina High School in Henrico County. In the years since the death of her husband, she has resumed her teaching, and is now a member of the faculty of Kempsville Elementary School in Princess Anne County. Active in civic and cultural affairs, she is a member of the Colonial Avenue Methodist Church, the Kempsville Women's Club, and the National Education Association. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett became the parents of one son, Thomas Eugene, Jr., born September 6, 1930, in Norfolk.

CARLYLE PEERMAN HOLLAND, JR.—

Over the past decade, Carlyle Peerman Holland, Jr., has become an influential figure in the business affairs of Suffolk. He is owner and president of the Southern Oil Company, and has become active in public life as well, serving as city councilman at the present time.

He is a native of Suffolk, and was born on October 20, 1914, son of Carlyle P. and Blanche T. Holland. His father, born in 1887 in Windsor, Virginia, engaged in the real estate business at Suffolk, and is now retired. His wife, Mrs. Blanche T. Holland, is deceased. She was born in 1884 in Isle of Wight County. The public schools of Suffolk provided the early education of Carlyle P. Holland, and he graduated from high school there in 1932. He then entered the University of Richmond, where he was a student for two years, and he also spent one year at the University of Virginia.

Beginning his career at Norfolk, Mr. Holland was with the credit and sales department of the Virginia Carolina Chemical Corporation for nine years. In 1946 he purchased his present business, Southern Oil Company, of which he is sole owner and president. Its office and bulk plant are located at 619 Factory Street. The firm, a distributorship for Shell Oil Products, employs ten people. It serves retailers in three counties—Southampton, Nansemond and Isle of Wight.

A Democrat in his politics, Mr. Holland was elected to the Suffolk City Council, taking office

for a four-year term in September 1955. For the 1955-1956 campaign, he was president of the Suffolk Community Chest. As an oil products distributing executive, he is active in the Virginia Petroleum Jobbers Association, and served as its president during 1953-1954. He is a member of the Lions Club, and his fraternity is Phi Kappa Sigma. Mr. Holland attends West End Baptist Church, and is currently chairman of its board of deacons.

In Franklin, Virginia, on September 14, 1940, Carlyle Peerman Holland, Jr., married Helen Bogart of Franklin, daughter of William Oswald and Lydia (Owens) Bogart. The couple are the parents of four sons: 1. Carlyle Peerman, 3rd, born August 18, 1942. 2. William B., born February 2, 1946. 3. David L., born August 18, 1950. 4. Wayne D., born November 13, 1952.

ALVAH H. MARTIN, JR.—The career of Alvah H. Martin, Jr., as lawyer, banker and civic leader, was concurrent with the period of Norfolk's most dramatic growth and development; and he contributed in no small measure to this community progress. Wrote an editorial writer in *The Virginian-Pilot*:

Mr. Martin's life was at the heart and core of an older Norfolk and its families, around which the new Norfolk grew with the influx of many thousands of citizens... In the facets of the city's life closest to his interests, he took a prominent part.

Born in Norfolk County on August 28, 1890, he was one of six children born to Alvah Howard, Sr., and Mary E. (Tilley) Martin. His father was a banker, and founded the Merchants and Planters Bank in 1900. He was also a leader in Republican circles, and was clerk of court of Norfolk County from 1881 until his death in 1918. The younger Alvah H. Martin attended Norfolk Academy and Randolph-Macon College. For his professional training, he went on to the University of Virginia, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1912.

Admitted to the bar, he began practice that same year with an older brother, James Green Martin. This partnership continued until the brother's death in 1946. The following year, Alvah H. Martin, Jr., formed the firm of Martin & Richardson, later Martin, Richardson & Guerry, of which he was senior member. From 1925 to 1932, when the Republicans were in power in the federal government, he was assistant United States attorney in Norfolk.

For some years, Mr. Martin was vice president and director of the Merchants and Planters Bank, which had been founded by his father. His brothers too were active in its management; and when his elder brother died, A. H. Martin, Jr., became trust officer. A younger brother, Howard G. Martin, was

vice president at the time of his death in February 1954.

The only time the lawyer was absent, for any appreciable length of time, from his home city was at the time of World War I. He entered the army, taking a lieutenant's commission, and served overseas.

Mr. Martin was general counsel for the South Norfolk Bridge Commission, and also served on its board of directors. He was a member and past president of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, a member of the Norfolk German Club, and the Princess Anne County Country Club. A communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, he served as secretary-treasurer of its endowment fund, was several times senior warden, and served on the church vestry. In an appraisal of his career and influence in the columns of the *Ledger-Dispatch*, it was written of him:

It was not alone in his professional life, and in his connection with business and industry, that Mr. Martin's judgment and experience made themselves felt in the community's life. He was always an active churchman, and an earnest participant in the city's civic and charity affairs. But in all these enterprises he gave his interested attention and service, and made a generous contribution of his means, while following his characteristic avoidance of the limelight.

On November 27, 1926, Alvah H. Martin, Jr., married Frances Perkins of Memphis, Tennessee, daughter of Albert Dashfield and Willie (Wilkinson) Perkins. The couple became the parents of one daughter, Frances Martin, who was born on August 24, 1929. She married Robert Marvin King of Norfolk, and had two children: Robert King and William King. Her husband, Aviator Robert King, was killed in a plane accident in 1954. After two years she married Harvey Lee Lindsay, Jr., in 1956 and has twin girls. Katherine Darden Lindsay and Frances Martin Lindsay.

Mr. Martin's death occurred at Norfolk General Hospital on July 3, 1957. He left the impress of his character and achievements permanently on his community. The *Virginian-Pilot* editorial already quoted gives us these words of description of his character:

Though he was reserved and gentle and never self assertive, Mr. Martin's influence was important. It was based on respect for his character and intelligence. He will be remembered not alone for his contribution to the life of a Norfolk he loved, but for his soft-spoken wisdom and for the kindness that was an essential part of his nature.

Another of his fellow-townsmen wrote of him:

In his personal life Mr. Martin displayed a large capacity for friendship and for holding the esteem and respect of those with whom he was associated. He was one of the kindest of men, always a pleasant companion, always generous in his opinions, and always an eager and helpful friend. Mr. Martin made his contribution to the life of his times with intelligence, integrity, and the exemplification of the good

citizen. Any community suffers a loss in the death of such a man.

S. RAYMOND WHITE—The career of S. Raymond White has had its effect on the commercial life of Warwick through the formation of several firms in the construction and related fields. Of one of these, the Endebrook-White Company, he remains the owner and president. He also founded Atlantic Building Commodities, Inc., and Warwick Plumbing and Heating, Inc. He has held municipal office, and has been active in a number of local organizations.

Born at Seaford, Virginia, on January 13, 1913, he is a son of Robert Elmer and Bessie (Dawson) White. His father, also a native of Seaford, was a retail merchant in a rural community of his home area. He died December 17, 1952, at the age of seventy-eight years. Bessie (Dawson) White survived him until January 1954. She too was born in Seaford. In the public schools of Yorktown, Virginia, S. Raymond White received his early education, and he graduated from Morrison High School at Warwick in 1931.

He began his career as an apprentice brick mason, learned his trade well, and became construction superintendent with the Cunningham Construction Company of Newport News, a position he held from 1936 to 1940. Until 1943, he worked with various other construction firms, and he left to serve in the United States Navy, seeing two years of wartime service as apprentice seaman and yeoman. He received his honorable discharge in December 1945.

In 1947 he joined W. A. Endebrook, an architect, in forming the general contracting firm still known as the Endebrook-White Company. Mr. Endebrook died in 1948, and since that time, Mr. White has been sole owner of the business, which specializes in industrial and commercial building. At times there are as many as one hundred and fifty people on the payroll. Headquarters of the company are at 9300 Warwick Road, Warwick.

In 1953 he founded the Atlantic Building Commodities, Inc., a building supplies distributorship of which he remains the vice president. Its office is at 9692 Warwick Road.

In 1951 Mr. White founded Warwick Plumbing and Heating, Inc., which is located at 9298 Warwick Road. This he sold the following year, and it has grown into one of the largest firms of its type in the area.

A Democrat in his politics, Mr. White at one time served on Warwick's Planning Commission. He is a member of his city's Rotary Club, the Peninsula Executives Club, Hampton Yacht Club, James River Country Club, and the lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at New-



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port News. Attending the Methodist Church, he was formerly president of the Men's Club of the congregation. The construction executive is fond of the out-of-doors, particularly golf and boating.

In Newport News, on March 31, 1934, S. Raymond White married Mabel Fowler of that city, daughter of Daniel A. and Nora (Gilrieth) Fowler. The couple are the parents of one daughter: Iva Fowler White, who was born on October 29, 1951.

LEON LANDAUER—Co-founder of the Colonial Oil Company, Inc., of Norfolk, Leon Landauer has since 1955 served as president of this firm, which is distributor for Pure Oil Company's products throughout eastern Virginia and North Carolina. The firm also acts as wholesale distributor for General Electric oil burners.

A native of New York State, Leon Landauer was born on January 17, 1904, second of three children born to his parents, Samuel and Julia (Picard) Landauer, who made their home at Medina, in the upper part of the Empire State. His father was a native of that state and was for many years a prominent department store owner there. He spent his years of retirement in New York City, where he died in 1931. His wife, the former Julia Picard, was born in Georgia. She survives her husband and, in her eighty-second year, continues to make her home in New York City.

Leon Landauer passed his boyhood at Medina, received his early education in its public schools, and continued his studies at Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania. He then entered Syracuse University, where he graduated in 1926 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in business administration.

Immediately following his graduation, he began his career in the petroleum industry, joining the Tidewater Oil Company and working at its plants at Newburgh and Albany, New York. In 1927 he came to Norfolk. On December 13 of that year, in association with W. H. Ray and S. P. McConnell, he founded the Colonial Oil Company. Mr. Ray, the first president, continued until his death in 1936, when he was succeeded in the presidency by Mr. McConnell. He too died in June 1955. At that time, Leon Landauer, who for over a quarter of a century had served as vice president of the company, began his duties in the chief executive office, and he was officially elected president in August 1955. At the same meeting, E. R. Harden, Jr., was re-elected vice president; W. T. Cordle, secretary-treasurer; and J. W. Harrison, assistant secretary-treasurer.

From a modest beginning the Colonial Oil Company, Inc., has grown rapidly and steadily through the years since its founding. The company's seven-million-gallon terminal is located on the southern branch of the Elizabeth River in Portlock, and

various bulk plants are located at various points throughout the territory the company serves. The first service station erected by the company was on the corner of Boush and Olney Road. Colonial Oil Company also markets tires, batteries, accessories, and oil burners. The main office is located in the company's own building at Boush and Olney Road, a structure which was erected in 1935. Today the firm has one hundred and twelve employees on its payroll, fifteen of whom have been with the company for twenty-five years or more.

Recognized as one of Virginia's foremost executives in the distribution of petroleum products, Mr. Landauer is known as a hard-working, far-sighted executive and a firm believer in teamwork as one of the keys to success in the development and management of an organization. He holds the confidence, esteem, and friendship of his employees.

Despite the claims of business upon his time, he has always maintained close contact with civic affairs and has worked for the betterment of his community. He is a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, is a member and past president of the Hague Club, and is a member of the Downtown Club, Lafayette Yacht Club, Cavalier Yacht and Country Club, the Saints and Sinners Club, and Izaak Walton League. As an industrialist, he is active in the Virginia Oil Men's Association. He and his family attend Ohef Sholom Temple in Norfolk, being of Jewish faith.

On November 26, 1948, Leon Landauer married Catherine W. White of Norfolk. By a former marriage, he is the father of twin daughters, Joan and Jean.

HARWELL E. HALSTEAD—Among Virginia Beach's city officials of recent years, one of the most capable and devoted was Harwell E. Halstead. Better known among his fellow citizens as Hal Halstead, and one of the most popular and respected of their leaders, he had been vice mayor and councilman, and was city sergeant at the time of his death. He also had a successful business career to his credit.

Born on October 22, 1899, he was a native of Princess Anne County and a son of Augustus Oscar and Mary Elizabeth (Capps) Halstead. His parents were both natives of Princess Anne County, and both are deceased. Receiving his education in local public schools, Harwell E. Halstead entered Maury High School when his family moved to Norfolk to live, and he graduated there. He completed his formal studies at Norfolk Business College.

Early in his business career Mr. Halstead was employed by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. He

left to join the Consolidated Coal Company, with offices in Norfolk. This was his full-time interest until he was elected town councilman at Virginia Beach in 1944. He had moved to that community in 1935. He continued a part-time connection with Consolidated Coal Company until 1948, then went into business for himself, opening the Halstead Variety Store at 1710 Atlantic Avenue.

He served on the Virginia Beach council from 1944 to 1952, when the community was a town, and for seven of these years, he was vice mayor. In 1952, County Circuit Judge Floyd E. Kellam named Mr. Halstead city sergeant. He was the first man to hold that office, as the appointment coincided with Virginia Beach's becoming a second-class city. He had been re-elected to a four-year term on the council in June 1948.

Commenting on his record as a municipal servant, in the editorial columns of a local paper, a local journalist wrote of him:

"Hal" Halstead was a man that everyone learned to call on when a job was to be done. It has been said that he never refused to help or to take hold of a responsibility . . . The biggest problem to face this community in its history, the beach erosion problem, became "Hal" Halstead's problem and it was through his energetic work and enthusiasm, more than any other individual, that the Virginia Beach Erosion Commission became a reality. From that moment "Hal" Halstead gave much of his time and thought to the work of restoring the beach, and in developing a program, along with other commission members, that would maintain the beach there.

But the work this man did in the beach restoration program is only typical of the man. He devoted time to almost every civic project. He served diligently in the entire Golden Jubilee program here last year. He was interested in anything that was good for Virginia Beach.

Evidence of this last statement is to be found in his record on the council, where he headed various committees, including health and sanitation. It is also to be found in his wartime work as chairman of the fuel oil branch of the Princess Anne County War Price and Rationing Board. A member of the Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce, he served on its advertising committee, and he was president of the Virginia Beach Police and Fire Departments' pension system. He was an honorary member of the Virginia Beach Fire Department, a member of Lodge No. 7, Fraternal Order of Police Associates, and a Rotarian. A communicant of the Virginia Beach Methodist Church, he was a devoted worker in the congregation and had served on its board of stewards.

On December 24, 1919, in Norfolk, Harwell E. Halstead married Thelma Idabell Smith of Sigma in Princess Anne County. She is a daughter of Alexander Stewart and Loduskey Ann (Robinson) Smith, both of whom were native Virginians. Mr. and Mrs. Halstead became the parents of three

children: 1. Harwell E., Jr., who was born on January 16, 1921. He attended the public schools of Norfolk and Virginia Beach, and is now serving in the United States Navy, where he holds the rank of petty officer. He married Dorothy Brothers of Oceana, Virginia, and they have four children: i. Richard Brooks. ii. Annis DeLene. iii. Deborah Lee. iv. Dennis Brothers. 2. Robert Kight, born January 13, 1922. He attended the public schools of Norfolk and Virginia Beach, and the F. B. I. Academy, and he is now a lieutenant on the Virginia Beach police force. Robert K. Halstead married Marcella Sawyer of Spot, North Carolina. They have two children: i. Troy Weldon. ii. Marcia Gayle. 3. Shirley May, born on May 15, 1928. She is now Mrs. Randolph E. Malbon of Virginia Beach, and is the mother of two children: i. Randall Chernaime. ii. Harwell Frank.

Mr. Halstead's death occurred suddenly and unexpectedly on September 14, 1957. The entire community was shocked in the loss of a man who had contributed so much to the business life of the city as well as serving so effectively in municipal posts. "Virginia Beach has many boosters," commented a local editorial writer, "but 'Hal' Halstead was at the top of the list when it came to working for and improving his community. 'Hal' was always ready to lend his effort and energy to any project that spelled progress for his beloved Virginia Beach. He was a man of almost unlimited energy and enthusiasm for any task asked of him."

LYNN WASHINGTON HOLMES—Entering business as a shoe retailer in the Lower Tidewater area about a decade ago, Lynn Washington Holmes has built up a thriving business which has constantly been expanding. He is a partner in the firm of Russell and Holmes, which has two stores in Norfolk, one store in Suffolk, one at Virginia Beach, one in Franklin, Virginia, and one at Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

He is a native of Marshville, North Carolina, and was born on February 16, 1911, son of George Washington Holmes and Arrilla (Strawn) Holmes. His father was a farmer. Mr. Holmes received his entire education in the public schools of his native community, and entered the retail shoe business in 1930 at Charlotte, North Carolina. He first made his acquaintance with the Lower Tidewater area when he came here in 1933 to manage a shoe store in Norfolk. In 1938 he returned to North Carolina, and managed a store in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1940; and during the next two years, supervised retail shoe stores in Georgia, Tennessee and Florida. He was in charge of other stores in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia from 1942 to 1946, with the exception



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of two years' leave for military service. During that time he served in the 317th Infantry Regiment.

On returning from the war, he located in Suffolk in 1946, and entered the retail shoe business in partnership with T. J. Russell. They organized the firm of Russell and Holmes, which featured nationally advertised lines of shoes for men, women and children. They have continued the store at Suffolk, and have added the others at Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Franklin, and Elizabeth City at regular intervals, building up one of the largest and most successful merchandising chains of its kind in the region.

Mr. Holmes is a member of the Rotary Club, the Portsmouth Executives Club, the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Suffolk Post No. 57 of the American Legion. He and his family attend the West End Baptist Church in Suffolk.

At Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on June 23, 1936, Lynn Washington Holmes married Mildred Small, daughter of Davis Hiram and Dora Isabelle (Estridge) Small. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Lynnette Gayle, born April 29, 1939. 2. David George, born April 24, 1947.

CECIL W. GWALTNEY operates a Ford dealership at Smithfield, and he also has realty and banking interests there—a variety of business activities which is indicative of exceptional ability, a versatile mind, and application of attention to matters of the first importance. He has served his community as councilman, and has taken a part in church and club programs.

A native of Isle of Wight County, he was born on December 28, 1910, son of Frank L. and Maggie S. (Allmond) Gwaltney. His father, who was born in Isle of Wight County, died in 1944. He was a farmer. Maggie S. Allmond, whom he married, was a native of the same county, and died in 1945.

Reared in Smithfield, Cecil H. Gwaltney attended public schools there and attended the city high school. From the beginning of his career, he has been interested in automobiles, and he first worked as a mechanic for the Keller Jones Motor Company. He later joined the Cofer Motor Company; and his record of service with these two firms totalled ten years. In 1935, he became the owner of service stations in Smithfield, distributing the products of The Texas Company.

Mr. Gwaltney returned to the automotive field proper in 1941 when he established Gwaltney Motor Company, Smithfield's Ford dealership. He has remained head of the company to the present time. Its showrooms and service facilities are located at 217 Main Street, and there are eighteen people on the payroll.

Active in the town's business life generally, he is a member of the boards of directors of the Smithfield Realty Corporation and Merchants and Farmers Bank. He served on the Smithfield Town Council from 1948 to 1954. Mr. Gwaltney is a Democrat in his politics. He is a member of the Ruritan Club and the German Club; and as a loyal and active communicant of Trinity Methodist Church, he serves on its board of stewards. His favorite sport is baseball.

At Richmond, on June 22, 1939, Cecil W. Gwaltney married Lucille Maynard of Surrey County. She is the daughter of Crawley and Martha (Thomas) Maynard. Mr. and Mrs. Gwaltney have two children: 1. Cecil W., Jr., who was born on January 9, 1943. 2. Frank Maynard, born April 28, 1947.

IRVING E. LAWSON—It was Irving E. Lawson who delivered the first oil ever used for heating purposes on the Virginia Peninsula. The customer was the Hampton Golf Club. From that early beginning, four decades ago, Mr. Lawson has risen to head of a flourishing business founded by his father and himself—E. T. Lawson and Son, oil jobbers, with office and plant at Armstrong Point, Hampton. Outside his industry he is known for his activity in the Masonic order.

Mr. Lawson was born in Messick, York County, on August 19, 1900. His father, Elisha T. Lawson, was also a native of that community. A commercial fisherman until he and his son established the business at Armstrong Point, he was active in that enterprise until his death on February 7, 1947. Irving Lawson's mother, the former Blanche Forrest, was born at Grafton, also in York County. She now lives in Hampton.

Irving E. Lawson was educated in elementary and high school at Messick. Until 1918, he, too, was a commercial fisherman. On October 30, 1918, he and his father founded E. T. Lawson and Son, and since then he has devoted himself to the business, which now employs nine persons. In addition to heating oil, the firm handles marine supplies and petroleum products which it distributes to service stations on the Peninsula. A pioneer there in the heating oil business, Mr. Lawson has never lost his leadership in it.

In the fraternal world, he has been a member of Saint Tammany Lodge No. 5, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, for more than a quarter-century. He is also a member of the Newport News Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Kiwanis Club of Hampton. He worships in the Central Methodist Church of Hampton.

In politics he is a Democrat, and fishing is his favorite sport.

On November 25, 1925, Mr. Lawson married Nancy Page. Mrs. Lawson is also a native of Messick, and the marriage took place there. Her parents were Woodward W. and Estelle (Evans) Page, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson have two children: 1. Irving E., Jr., born on July 9, 1927. He spent three years at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and is now with his father in business. He married Iola Lawson of Hampton, and they have one daughter, Nancy Iola. 2. Ann Page, born on February 24, 1930. Married to Richard V. Hansen of Wilmington, North Carolina, she is the mother of two children: Nancy Page and Richard Vollis.

FRANK DUDLEY LAWRENCE, JR.—President and manager of City Supply Company, Inc., of Portsmouth, Frank Dudley Lawrence, Jr., has dealt in building materials since the beginning of his career, nearly thirty years ago. Born August 27, 1912, in Portsmouth, he is the oldest of seven children of Frank Dudley Lawrence. His father, a Portsmouth banker, is the subject of a separate biographical sketch in this work.

The younger Frank D. Lawrence was educated in the schools of Portsmouth and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1929. He immediately began his career with City Supply Company, Inc., and in the course of the intervening years, he has played a prominent part in its steady growth.

City Supply Company was incorporated in 1919, when the old George R. Debman Company was acquired by a group of businessmen headed by Frank D. Lawrence. At that time the present name was adopted. In 1933 the business came under the present management. The officers of the corporation at the present time are Frank D. Lawrence, Jr., president and manager; Charlotte Crawford Lawrence, vice president; and Raymond J. Lawrence, secretary and treasurer.

Stocking a complete line of building supplies, City Supply Company, Inc., is distributor of builders' hardware, masonry supplies, plaster, insulation, wallboard, roofing materials, cement, and paints, justifying its motto, "Everything for the Builder." Its headquarters are at Elm Avenue and High Street. Mr. Lawrence has been president of the firm since 1933.

Active in the civic and community affairs of Portsmouth, he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, and the Park View Baptist Church.

On November 6, 1937, in Portsmouth, Frank Dudley Lawrence, Jr., married Charlotte Crawford, daughter of the late E. Otto and Bessie Lee

(Williams) Crawford of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence are the parents of four children: 1. Carolyn, who was born on July 5, 1939. She married Harry Lynn Hopewell, Jr., of Portsmouth, and they have one son, Harry Lynn, III. 2. Frank Dudley, III, born April 5, 1941. 3. Margaret Bourne, born December 14, 1946. 4. David Crawford, born September 6, 1955. The family residence is at Hodges Ferry.

M. ERSKINE WATKINS—Admitted to the Virginia bar thirty years ago, M. Erskine Watkins has since practiced at Suffolk, where he heads his own firm, and where he has served for some time as city attorney. A native of Alcola, South Carolina, he was born on October 27, 1900, son of Milson Meredith and Esther (Gray) Watkins. Both parents are still living. Milson M. Watkins, who was born in Isle of Wight County, has been identified with the Suffolk Peanut Company during much of his career. The couple live in Suffolk. Mrs. Watkins is a native of Nansemond County.

M. Erskine Watkins was reared in Suffolk and attended public schools there, graduating from high school in 1917. In 1923 he took his degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of Virginia and went on to his professional courses at the same institution, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1925. He was admitted to the state bar in that year and began practice in Suffolk, where he has remained since. In 1945 he became city attorney and still holds that position. He is a member of the Suffolk Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar Association.

Politically, Mr. Watkins aligns himself with the Democrats. He is a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, Suffolk Lodge No. 685 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Suffolk Golf Association, the Country Club of Virginia at Richmond, and Princess Anne Country Club at Virginia Beach. Golf, hunting, and fishing are his favorite sports.

M. Erskine Watkins has been twice married. His first wife was Jane Wagner Hart of Suffolk, who died on May 3, 1954. On September 17, 1955, in Richmond, he married Emma Dillard Williams of that city.

ERNEST RICHARD HARDEN, JR.—Until his recent death, Ernest Richard Harden, Jr., was his state's real estate representative for the Pure Oil Company. In the course of his influential career in the petroleum industry he had been an executive of various firms. From the early years of his life he was a resident of the Lower Tidewater area, but he was a native of Dayton, Ohio, where



E. W. Martin Jr.

he was born on July 31, 1900. He was the son of Ernest Richard, Sr., and Edna (Klugel) Harden. His father had come to this country from England, being a native of Petherton in Somerset. He became an official of the National Cash Register Company at Norfolk following the family's removal to that city from Dayton.

They arrived when the younger Ernest Richard Harden was two years old, and he attended the public elementary schools of Norfolk and graduated from Maury High School. For further preparation in the field of business following his graduation he took evening courses at the high school and other schools for five or six years.

In 1927, with Mr. T. S. Southgate, he organized the South Atlantic Oil Company, and served as its president until 1929, when he became vice president of the Colonial Oil Company. When this latter firm was merged with the Pure Oil Company in 1956, he joined the executive staff of the emergent organization, and was placed in charge of its Virginia real estate holdings, which position he held until the end of his life.

Mr. Harden was a Rotarian and a member of the Pyramid Club of Norfolk. A communicant of the First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach, he had once served on its board of trustees.

At the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, on November 18, 1922, Ernest Richard Harden, Jr., married Hilda Reid Gardner of that city, daughter of Arthur Carroll and Emma Stewart (Reid) Gardner. Her father was engaged in the wholesale and retail seafood business in Norfolk. Mrs. Harden is active in the Virginia Beach Music Club, of which she is currently the president. She is a member of the Linkhorn Park Garden Club, and has also been active in Parent-Teacher activities. She is past president of W. T. Cooke Parent-Teacher Association, and has been secretary of the Tidewater District Parent-Teacher Association. One of her foremost community interests is the program of the National Association for Infantile Paralysis, and she capably served as president of its Princess Anne Chapter for ten years. She is a member of the National Society of Magna Carta Dames and the Colonial Order of the Crown and Daughters of the American Revolution. She takes a constructive part in the women's work of the First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach, where the Harden home has been located for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harden became the parents of two sons: 1. Ernest Richard, III, who was born in Norfolk on September 13, 1923. He attended the public schools of that city and Virginia Military Institute, and completed his education at the University of North Carolina, where he took the degree in journalism in 1947. Now serving in the

United States Air Force, he is stationed at the Pentagon in Washington D. C. Ernest R. Harden, III, married Nadine Mildred Harrison of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and they have two children: i. Ernest Richard, IV. ii. Linda Deane. 2. Arthur Gardner, M.D. Born in Norfolk on March 28, 1927, he attended the public schools of that city and of Virginia Beach, took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Virginia, and went on to medical studies there, taking his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1953. He interned in internal medicine at a New York City hospital, and is now resident in cardiology there. Dr. Harden married Elizabeth Kearney Wilson of Charlottesville, Virginia. They have two children: i. Rebecca Stratton. ii. Joseph Reid.

Mr. Harden's distinguished career in the petroleum industry ended with his death on March 9, 1957.

T. VINCENT CHOREY—As president of Chorey-Jones Motors, Inc., T. Vincent Chorey heads the agency for Dodge and Plymouth cars and Dodge trucks at Suffolk. He has now had nearly two decades' experience in automobile sales. He is a veteran of World War II, having served as a naval officer.

Born at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on February 26, 1905, he is a son of William Martin and Kathryn Meades Chorey. His father, born in Perquimans County, North Carolina, on November 14, 1871, was a farmer, and also a carpenter and building contractor, working in and around Elizabeth City. He died June 13, 1956, Mrs. Chorey died in 1917. She was born in Pasquotank County, North Carolina. Attending the public schools of Elizabeth City, T. Vincent Chorey graduated from high school there in 1923, and attended the College of William and Mary for one year.

He began his business career with the Peoples Life Insurance Company of Washington, D. C., working in that firm's Norfolk and Portsmouth offices in sales capacities, and advancing to a district managership. He left the company, and the insurance field, late in 1938, entering the retail automobile business on November 1 of that year. He founded Chorey Motors, Inc., in Suffolk, and was its president until December 1, 1954, when he took Mr. Jones as a partner in forming the Chorey-Jones Motors, Inc. Mr. Chorey is president of this agency, and Mr. Jones its vice president and general manager. Since he began his career in automobile sales, he has handled Chrysler Corporation products, and his firm has the franchise for the sale of Plymouth and Dodge passenger cars, and Dodge trucks, each a big seller in its field and carrying the excellent reputation for en-

gineering and quality production long associated with Chrysler products. In 1947, Mr. Chorey completed construction of the present modern building which houses the sales, service and office facilities. Located at 800-802 West Washington Street, it has fifteen thousand square feet of floor space under its roof. Forty-two employees are on the Chorey-Jones payroll.

Mr. Chorey had had experience in the United States Naval Reserve at the time this country entered World War II. Entering active service, he was twenty-one months in uniform, and at the time of his separation from the navy on February 18, 1945, held a commission as lieutenant, senior grade.

He is active in local organizational affairs, being a member of the Lions Club and Ruth Lodge No. 89, at Norfolk, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the commandery of the Knights Templar, the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and belongs to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a charter member of the Suffolk Shrine Club. Mr. Chorey and his family attend the Suffolk Presbyterian Church.

At Norfolk, on October 15, 1945, T. Vincent Chorey married Frances Holtsman Lam of Lexington, Virginia, daughter of James W. and Mamie (Pultz) Lam. To their marriage two children have been born: 1. Thomas Vincent, Jr., on July 2, 1946. 2. William Lam, born on November 23, 1950.

LINWOOD L. BRIGGS, JR.—One of the prominent younger business men of South Norfolk, Linwood L. Briggs, Jr., is the proprietor of Southside Cleaners. In addition to his active role in business life, he was elected mayor of South Norfolk in September 1957. He takes a deep interest in sound municipal government, and previous to his being elected mayor he served as a member of the South Norfolk city council, to which he was elected in 1953, generously contributing his time and talent to every program aimed at a better community.

A native of South Norfolk, he was born on June 6, 1920, oldest of three children born to Linwood L. and Maysville (Jones) Briggs. His father was born at Winfall, North Carolina, while his mother was a native of Norfolk County. Attending the public schools of South Norfolk and graduating from the South Norfolk High School in 1937, the younger Linwood L. Briggs served an apprenticeship as an electrician in the Norfolk Navy Yard. He left to enter the United States Navy in 1943, and served until 1945 aboard the battleship U. S. S. "South Dakota," flagship of Admiral William

F. Halsey. A petty officer, second class, he served in the Pacific. Following the close of the war he was employed in the Navy Yard at Norfolk as a first class electrician, and followed the trade until 1946.

In that year, Mr. Briggs founded his present enterprise, Southside Cleaners, which has its headquarters at 1205 Poindexter Street. Its management has constituted his major business interest since that time.

In June 1953, Mr. Briggs was elected a member of the South Norfolk city council for a four-year term beginning in November of that year. He so proved himself a conscientious, reliable and civic-spirited public servant, true to his convictions and principles in the matter of good government, that in September of 1957 he was elected to the mayoralty of South Norfolk. He is a member of Lodge No. 464, Loyal Order of Moose, at South Norfolk. For recreation he enjoys fishing and bowling. He and his family attend the Congregational Christian Church.

On January 10, 1942, Linwood L. Briggs, Jr., married Eleanor Rae Newberry, daughter of Lennon H. and Pearl (Hanbury) Newberry of South Norfolk. Her father is a retired employee of the Texas Oil Company, and for a number of years he served as fire chief of the South Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. and Mrs. Linwood L. Briggs, Jr., are the parents of two children: 1. Linda Rae, who was born on April 14, 1943. 2. Robert Leroy, born November 5, 1944.

HERMAN LEONARD RAPOPORT—As president and manager of The Quality Shop, known as the leading men's store of Portsmouth and Tidewater Virginia, Herman Leonard Rapoport heads an organization which has been in existence for forty years. He is the son of its founder, Morris H. Rapoport, who continues in an advisory capacity and as secretary-treasurer of the firm. Since it first opened its doors in 1917, The Quality Shop has followed sound policies. It has always been the management's aim to make it the smartest men's store in Tidewater Virginia, while still maintaining the friendly and comfortable atmosphere so important to successful merchandising. The management also believes that the maintenance of quality standards in merchandising is essential for continued public acceptance. The Quality Shop sells products with nationally known brand names, including Hickory-Freeman and Kuppenheimer clothing, Arrow and Hathaway shirts, and Bostonian and Edwin Clapp shoes.

A life-long resident of Portsmouth, Morris H. Rapoport is proud of the reputation The Quality Shop has achieved. He has long been active in



Linwood L. Briggs, Jr.



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civic causes. He was appointed to the Portsmouth school board in November 1934, and served until June 4, 1956. During his tenure, he served on the finance and building committees and also for a time as vice president. He was one of the organizers and vice president of the Portsmouth Hotel Corporation, which erected the Hotel Governor Dinwiddie. He serves on the board of directors of the American National Bank. For the past twenty-five years, he has been a member of the Kiwanis Club, and he also belongs to the Hague Club of Norfolk, the Suburban Country Club of Portsmouth, and Naval Lodge No. 100, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he is a member of the Scottish Rite bodies and of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member and trustee of Temple Sinai of Portsmouth and a member of Ohef Sholom Temple in Norfolk.

Morris H. Rapoport married Julia Fivel of Norfolk, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Herman Leonard, of whom further. 2. Louise, who married Marvin Fenster, attorney and assistant head of the legal department of R. H. Macy Company in New York City.

Herman L. Rapoport, who has succeeded his father as president of The Quality Shop, was born on May 24, 1920, in Norfolk. He received his early education in Portsmouth, graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1937. He then entered Duke University and, on his graduation there in 1941, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

He enlisted in the United States Navy on July 27, 1942, was commissioned an ensign, and served through World War II. He spent considerable time in the Pacific Theater of Operations and was separated from the service on February 17, 1946, holding the rank of lieutenant senior grade at that time.

Returning to civilian life, Herman L. Rapoport became active in the management of The Quality Shop, with his father, whom he later succeeded as president and general manager. In the merchandising field, his reputation has been growing steadily; in 1948 he was elected president of the Virginia Retail Clothiers and Furnishers—the youngest president that group ever elected. He is also a member of the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers and, in 1953-1954, served as chairman of the Young Men's Group of the association. He was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers in 1954 and in 1956 was elected its second vice president. He has contributed a number of articles on trade subjects to the Daily News Record, a trade publication, and to Men's Wear, a bi-weekly trade magazine. He has appeared as speaker before various men's wear

gatherings in Chicago and in New York, as well as in Virginia.

Active in the civic affairs of Portsmouth, he is a member and past president of the Portsmouth Rotary Club, having held its chief executive office in 1953-1954. He attended the International Convention of Rotary held in Paris in 1954. He serves on the board of directors of the Portsmouth Retail Merchants Association and is a director of the city's Chamber of Commerce. He is a charter member of Temple Sinai of Portsmouth. He is fond of classical music, and his favorite sport is golf.

On August 13, 1944, in New York City, Herman L. Rapoport married Phyllis Sperans, daughter of Samuel R. and Jean (Bernstein) Sperans. Her father is chairman of the board of Straus Duparquet in New York and president of Standard Factors Corporation in that city. Mrs. Rapoport is a graduate of Skidmore College at Saratoga Springs, New York. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Reid Alan, born on January 25, 1949. 2. Martha Ann, born on August 27, 1951. The family resides at 303 Acres Road, Green Acres, Portsmouth.

WILLIAM F. FERRELL—A little more than a decade ago, Ferrell Linoleum and Tile Company, Inc., of Norfolk, was founded by two brothers, William F. Ferrell and Mallory H. Ferrell. William F. Ferrell had recently returned from naval service in World War II. Under his capable direction, this firm has grown into a sizable organization, employing eighty-five people, and contracting for the installation of asphalt, rubber, vinyl and ceramic tile, linoleum, marble and terrazzo in all parts of eastern Virginia and North Carolina.

Mr. Ferrell is a native of Portsmouth and was born on July 13, 1917, son of William Walter and Ethel Catherine (Youre) Ferrell. His father, who was born in South Norfolk, is a retired boiler-maker, who worked for some years at the Navy Yard. He later operated a grocery store in Portsmouth, and still makes his home in that city.

Passing his boyhood years there, William F. Ferrell attended the public schools and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1935. He was immediately attracted to the industry in which his career has been centered, and began his connection with the Bonney Tile and Terrazzo Corporation in Norfolk, remaining with that organization until 1946, with the exception of four years spent in the United States Navy in World War II. A chief petty officer, he served in the European Theater of Operations, and was discharged in January 1946.

He remained with Bonney Tile and Terrazzo Corporation only until the end of that year, and

in December left to form his own firm, which from the first was known as Ferrell Linoleum and Tile Company. Its first location was at 60 Commercial Place, Norfolk. In 1949, the present premises at 326 West Twenty-first Street were occupied. Mr. Ferrell has remained president of the company since its founding. Starting on very little capital, it has grown in scarcely more than a decade to a corporation doing a volume of business totalling a million dollars a year. The firm began its existence as a partnership, in which William F. Ferrell was associated with his brother, Mallory H. Ferrell. Since incorporation in 1949, the latter has held the offices of secretary and treasurer. In October 1956, William F. Ferrell, Mallory H. Ferrell and Leroy W. Schaeffer founded the Advance Stone and Marble Company, Inc., located at 1022 West 41st Street, Norfolk, for the supplying and contracting of granite marble and various types of building stone.

Active in trade circles, William F. Ferrell is a member of the National Terrazzo and Mosaic Association, the Tile Contractors Association of America and Southern Tile Contractors Association.

As a former Navy man, he takes a constructive part in the program of the United States Power Squadron, of which he is a member. He is also a member of the American Legion, and in his community belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, Cavalier Yacht and Country Club, Lafayette Yacht Club, and the lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he is a member of the higher bodies, holds the Thirty-second degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Of Methodist faith, he serves on the official board of his church. His favorite sports are yachting, fishing and golf.

On February 5, 1943, William F. Ferrell married Martha Anne Fulton, daughter of Charles Smith and Susan Emerson (Astin) Fulton. Both of her parents were born near Danville, Virginia. Mrs. Fulton now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell, surviving her husband, who died in August 1954, at the age of fifty-seven. He engaged in various business enterprises, and was also connected for some years with the post offices at Danville and Norfolk. He served in the United States Navy in World War I. Mrs. Ferrell is currently serving a term as president of the Princess Anne County Women's Club, and is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. The couple make their home at Kitiwake Court, Bird Neck Point, Princess Anne County, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Martha Annette, who was born on April

23, 1948. 2. Susan Dianne, born December 16, 1951. 3. Joyce Anne, born June 22, 1955.

MALLORY H. FERRELL—Entering the tile and linoleum contracting business after some years' experience in construction work at the Navy Yard, Mallory H. Ferrell is now secretary and treasurer of Ferrell Linoleum and Tile Company, Inc., which has its headquarters at 326 West 21st Street, Norfolk. He is active in church work, and his interests range from civic affairs to geology.

Mr. Ferrell is a native of Portsmouth. He is a son of William Walter and Ethel Catherine (Youre) Ferrell, and a brother of William F. Ferrell, whose biographical sketch is to be found in this work, and with whom he has been associated in the founding and management of the company which bears their name. William W. Ferrell, a native of South Berkley, worked in the Navy Yard for some years in the capacities of boiler-maker, chipper and caulker, advancing to supervisory positions. He later resigned and operated a grocery store in Portsmouth for ten years. He now lives in retirement in that city, and is sixty-two years of age at the time of writing. Mrs. Ferrell is a native of Portsmouth. Their son was born on December 25, 1914.

In that city, Mallory H. Ferrell was reared and received his public school education, graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1932. He took further studies at the Navy Yard, which was his first employer. Training as a welder, he became welding supervisor, and served in that capacity through the World War II period, while vital work for the government was being performed there.

He left in 1946 to join his brother William in establishing the Ferrell Linoleum and Tile Company. At first they operated as a partnership, and incorporated under the present title in 1949, with William as president and Mallory as secretary and treasurer. The two have built a million-dollar-per-year business from a very modest beginning. First located at 60 Commercial Street, headquarters of the company was moved to the West Twenty-first Street location in the year of incorporation, 1949. Ferrell Linoleum and Tile Company sells, and contracts for the installation of, linoleum, marble and terrazzo, as well as tile of asphalt, rubber, vinyl and ceramic composition. Its growing territory now comprises the eastern part of the states of Virginia and North Carolina, and there are eighty-five names on its payroll. In October 1956, Mallory H. Ferrell, William F. Ferrell and Leroy W. Schaeffer founded the Advance Stone and Marble Company, Inc.,



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located at 1022 West 41st Street, Norfolk, for the supplying and contracting of granite marble and various types of building stone.

One of Mallory H. Ferrell's major interests, apart from his business, is the work of his church, the Craddock Methodist. He serves as a member of its official board and is a trustee. He has taught in its Sunday school for many years, and was formerly Sunday school superintendent. Mr. Ferrell is fond of the out-of-doors and fishing is his favorite sport. He collects coins, and specimens of rock and ore. While he gives full support to every worthwhile movement whose goal is a better community, he is not a joiner of clubs, lodges or fraternal groups.

Mrs. Ferrell is the former Miss Laura Bunn, daughter of John C. and Laura (Porter) Bunn, both of Southampton County, Virginia. Her father was a farmer in that county for many years, and was retired for two decades prior to his death in 1954. Mrs. Bunn died in 1918. Miss Laura Bunn became the wife of Mallory H. Ferrell on November 10, 1934. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Mallory Hope, Jr., who was born on November 23, 1935. He is a graduate of Craddock High School, has attended the University of Miami, Florida, and is on the staff of the Virginia "Pilot" as a photographer. On November 27, 1955, he married Miss Alice Moore. 2. Joan Lynn, born December 18, 1955. The family's residence is at 49 Channing Avenue, Craddock, Portsmouth.

ROY M. HARKSEN—The proven formula of hard work, coupled with seizing opportunity when it comes, explains the rise of Roy M. Harsken to a position of prominence in the highly competitive automotive field. He is owner and manager of Roy's Auto Supply, known as "The House of a Million Parts," which has its headquarters at 894 Little Creek Road in Norfolk. Acting as both wholesaler and retailer, it is one of the most complete automotive parts firms in Tidewater Virginia. Mr. Harsken is also authorized dealer for Mercury automobiles, with modern sales and service facilities at the same location on Little Creek Road, and has a used-car headquarters on the opposite corner.

A native of Chesterfield County, Mr. Harsken was born near Richmond on December 9, 1912, son of Max Christian and Ruth Ethel (Strupe) Harsken. His mother died in 1943. His father was a native of Germany, who came to this country in his early youth. Early in his career he was identified with construction projects in Virginia and South Carolina, and came to Norfolk in 1915. In that city, he became a pioneer in the operation of motion picture theaters, of which he managed

several prior to the advent of talking pictures in 1927. In the years since that time he has engaged in business as a painting contractor in Norfolk.

Roy M. Harsken received his education in the Robert Gatewood School in the Berkley District and at Maury High School. He began his career as a messenger boy with the Western Union Telegraph Company in Norfolk. He was next employed by the Sam Finkelstein Company, following which he held sales positions with the Charles Department Store on Church Street, Shulman and Company, Inc., and the J. C. Penney Company's Norfolk store. He then returned to Shulman and Company, with which he remained until he entered military service in December 1940.

Joining the United States Army Air Corps, he took his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and thereafter served at many air bases in the continental United States, in the aircraft maintenance branch of the Air Corps. He was promoted to the rank of technical sergeant and later to warrant officer, which he held at the time of his separation from the service in November 1945.

After leaving Shulman and Company, Inc., Mr. Harsken located at Syracuse, New York, where for the following three years he operated a service station. Returning to Norfolk in 1948, he was associated with his father in painting contracting for a short time, then became a distributor for the Bowes Sealfast Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, manufacturers of tire repair materials. With this connection as a basis, he laid the foundation for Roy's Auto Supply, establishing headquarters for his parts service at 17th and Monticello Avenue in Norfolk, and at the same time continuing his selling job with Bowes Sealfast Company. From a modest beginning his business prospered, and when larger headquarters were required, he moved in September 1953, to 894 Little Creek Road. Guided by the Golden Rule in his trade relations, and bringing a broad knowledge of the business to his managerial post, he has promoted steady growth in his enterprise and won a place of leadership in the field.

As an automobile dealer, Mr. Harsken previously represented the Nash Motor Company and Willys Motor Company, while building up his supply business. He is now authorized dealer for Mercurys. With enlarged and complete facilities for both sales and service, he gives employment to twenty-five people.

Mr. Harsken is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, Tidewater Automobile Association, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Presbyterian Church.

While stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, Roy M. Harsken was married on February 13, 1943, in

Trenton, New Jersey, to Flora Ormsby of Syracuse, New York. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Ronald M., who was born on January 3, 1944. 2. Pamela Mae, born December 20, 1953.

RALPH M. HOFFMAN—For four decades the Hoffman Cigar Company, Inc., with headquarters at 237 West Twenty-fourth Street, Norfolk, has been serving the Lower Tidewater through wholesale operations in cigars, tobaccos, candies, patent medicines and Budweiser beer. Like its founder, Ralph M. Hoffman, the firm has considerable prestige throughout the region. Mr. Hoffman has extended his personal reputation through his activities and interest in community and civic developments.

Born in Accomack County on September 9, 1890, he is the son of George B. and Mary Julia (Kellam) Hoffman, both also natives of that county. George B. Hoffman was a merchant and farmer there until 1922, when he retired and moved to Norfolk. He died in 1929, at the age of sixty-four. His widow, who was born in 1870, makes her home at Virginia Beach.

Ralph M. Hoffman was graduated from the Onancock High School in Accomack County in 1907. In the next two years he attended Washington and Lee University, after which he served a year as principal of the grammar school at Bloxom, in his native county. Deciding to make a business career instead of an educational one, he resigned the principalship to go to Poughkeepsie, New York, where he attended Eastman Business College. From this institution he was graduated in 1910.

His next position was with the American Radiator Company in New York City. He held this post until September 30, 1919, when he resigned to return to Virginia and establish himself in the Lower Tidewater. Joined by his two brothers, James Harvey and George B. Hoffman, Jr., he founded the Hoffman Cigar Company, Inc., at that time. George B. Hoffman, Jr., died in 1952. James Harvey Hoffman is now treasurer of the company, Ralph M. Hoffman being president. As wholesale distributors, the company operates in six counties in the Tidewater area of Virginia. Ninety persons are employed in all the operations. The firm erected its own building in 1949. Ralph M. Hoffman is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Cosmopolitan Club and the Sewell's Point Golf Club. He worships in the Christian Science Church. In politics he is independent. His favorite sport is golf.

Mr. Hoffman married Ethyl Adams, daughter of William A. and Annie B. (Blacknall) Adams, in Oxford, North Carolina, on July 22, 1915.

Mrs. Hoffman's father, who was born in Virginia, operated the W. A. Adams Tobacco Company at Oxford, North Carolina, for many years. He died in 1913. Mrs. Adams, who was a native of the Tar Heel State, died in 1945. The Hoffmans make their home at 1407 Bolling Avenue, Norfolk.

ROB LEE CATHEY—Although Rob Lee Cathey was a comparatively young man at the time of his death, he had nevertheless attained a responsible position in the business and civic life of Norfolk. It might well be said of him that he was born to the business in which he was engaged; and the Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., derived much benefit from his devoted service and his contributions.

He was born on April 6, 1899, at Paw Creek, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, fourth of the eight children born to Alonzo Forrest and Annie C. (Hipp) Cathey. His father was a pioneer in Coca-Cola bottling, who founded a plant at Roanoke in 1900, and three years later, the Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works. The Paw Creek location had been the seat of the Cathey family for generations, the original land grants there having been issued to forebears in colonial times. Receiving his education in the public schools of Norfolk, where the family moved in his early childhood, Rob Lee Cathey entered the bottling business in his early years, learning the various operations from his father, who saw to it that his sons were well trained in every phase. In 1938, he assumed his duties as secretary and treasurer of the corporation, a position he held until his death in 1954. Working in close and loyal association with his four brothers and his two brothers-in-law, he had made a distinctive contribution to the teamwork which has carried the business continuously forward. In all aspects of the work with which his duties brought him in contact, he carried on the high ideals to which his father had adhered. He had lived in Norfolk from his early years, and endeared himself to the residents of that city through his untiring efforts in all civic undertakings. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk, the Charity Lodge No. 10, Knights of Pythias, the Executives Club, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Epworth Methodist Church. For recreation he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

On September 29, 1923, at Norfolk, Rob Lee Cathey married Eloise Mary Dey, daughter of Thomas Mercer and Georgie Etta (Ross) Dey. Both of her parents were natives of Norfolk County. Her father, who died on April 18, 1954, was a prominent farmer in Norfolk County. Her mother died in Norfolk on August 15, 1950. Mrs.



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Cathey is active in the cultural and religious life of Norfolk. She is a member of the board of stewards of the Epworth Methodist Church, and a member of the Women's Society of Christian Service, which she served as president from 1949 to 1951. She is a member of the Executives Club of Norfolk, the Lakewood Garden Club, and the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lee Cathey became the parents of two sons: 1. Stanley Robert, born September 30, 1924. He attended Greenbriar Military School and the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division. Entering the United States Army at the time of World War II, he saw active service on Okinawa and in Korea. 2. Rogers Dey, born March 13, 1934. He graduated from Granby High School in 1952, and he attended the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, where he was a member of the Class of 1957, majoring in business administration. He is now serving in the United States Army. On August 18, 1956, he married Constance Joyce Pontifex of Norfolk.

The untimely death of Rob Lee Cathey occurred as the result of a heart attack on August 13, 1954.

BIRSCH CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION of Norfolk, Virginia, is a medium sized street and road construction contractor. They have done work for the government, city of Norfolk, Virginia and State Highway Department of the State of Virginia, as well as private jobs and several housing projects in and around Norfolk and vicinity.

The company was founded in November 1941 by Gladstone M. Birsch, who remains its president. Before going into business, Mr. Birsch worked for Mr. Frank J. McGuire, a road paving contractor, from May 1922 until 1941, when Mr. McGuire retired from road building, and helped Mr. Birsch greatly in entering business in his own name.

When Mr. Birsch went into business in 1941, he had with him Mr. Leslie J. Basnight, who is at present one of the vice presidents and general superintendent of the corporation. Also with Birsch Construction Corporation at its beginning was Mr. Donald C. Keister, who is still with the corporation and is now superintendent of construction. Also connected with the corporation in executive capacities are several young men, who Mr. Birsch feels will be capable of taking over the business within a few years. These men are: Mr. Wilbert B. Siviter, who is a vice president; Mr. John M. Birsch, son of Mr. Birsch, the founder, who is at present an assistant secretary; and Mr. William L. Birsch, a nephew of Mr. Birsch, who is at present an assistant superintendent of construction to Mr. Keister.

The Birsch Construction Corporation began

business in a very modest way and has grown until today it operates, in addition to concrete paving work and grading, an asphalt plant for plant-mixed black top paving of all standard city and state and government mixes.

Mr. Gladstone M. Birsch, the president, who is better known to his friends as "Pore Ole B," feels that the very nice and substantial growth of the corporation has been first due to the loyal service rendered by all of the employees over the past years and the many "good business friends" who have credited them and gone along with the corporation through good times and tight times.

The Birsch Construction Corporation has tried hard to warrant the confidence their friends have had in them, and will always strive to deserve their confidence.

The Birsch Construction Corporation is a member of the Virginia Road Builders Association, the Virginia Asphalt Association, Inc., the American Road Builders Association, the National Asphalt Association, and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gladstone M. Birsch, president of the corporation, is at present on the board of directors of the Virginia Road Builders and also the Virginia Asphalt Association, Inc., both of whose headquarters are in Richmond, Virginia.

NICHOLAS CARTER WRIGHT—As president of the Nick Wright Motor Company, Inc., of Norfolk, the late Nicholas C. Wright headed Virginia's largest and oldest Chrysler-Plymouth dealership. A man of many interests, he had been honored on numerous occasions for his contributions to the progress of Norfolk and the state, particularly through his work with youth.

Nicholas Wright was born at Surry Court House, Surry County, on August 4, 1894, son of Nicholas Carter and Mary M. (Land) Wright. Through both parents he is descended from Virginia settlers of Colonial times. His father, who died in March 1894, at the age of fifty-five—several months before the birth of his son—was a native of Surry County. He operated a community store there, and also entered the timber industry. His father was Robert Wright, a planter near Spring Grove. The Robert Wright farm still remains in the family, now being in the possession of Mr. Wright's children. Mary M. (Land) Wright was born in Sussex County, Virginia. Ninety-six years of age at the time of writing, she resided with her late son in Norfolk. Of Colonial ancestry, she is a daughter of Henry Carter and Mary M. (Rochelle) Land of Sussex County. Henry Carter Land lived on the Mount Rose Plantation and the Duchariez Plantation. He served in the Confederate States Army.

The youngest of three children born to his par-

ents, Nicholas Wright passed his boyhood at Surry Court House, and he was twelve years old when his mother moved her family to Norfolk. There he completed his grammar school education and graduated from Maury High School in 1913. For two years he attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, majoring in civil engineering. During World War I, he served in the United States Army Aviation Corps. A pilot, he held the rank of second lieutenant.

In 1922 he entered the automobile business in Norfolk, and in March 1927, took over the Chrysler-Plymouth agency for eastern Virginia and North Carolina. Chrysler products had emerged into prominence in the automobile industry in the mid-1920s, and Mr. Wright's was the oldest firm in the region selling their cars. It was also the largest. In 1934 the home of Nick Wright Motor Company, Inc., at 21st and Colonial Avenue, was established, and in 1942 the business was incorporated with Mr. Wright as president and manager. One of the most modern as well as one of the largest automotive sales agencies in the region, his firm rendered complete service to the motoring public. He was a member and past president of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Automobile Dealers Association, and a member of the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Besides his major business interest, Mr. Wright was also president of the Nansemond Bridge Corporation, which also has its headquarters at 21st and Colonial Avenue. Apart from business affairs, he devoted a great deal of attention to youth programs. Foremost among these was the Boys' Club of Norfolk. He served for twelve years as its president, and his leadership was an important factor in its growth. He was a member of the planning committee of the Norfolk Community Chest, and the capital funds campaign committee, which made possible the new Boys' Club Building of Norfolk, which was erected in 1949. In recognition of his outstanding service to youth, he was appointed by the Governor of Virginia as a delegate to the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth. Another token of recognition was the award of the Boys' Silver Keystone, conferred on him by the Boys' Clubs of America on January 26, 1954. His citation pointed out that many boys have had opportunities for the development of traits of good citizenship through his efforts. He had served devotedly and with unflagging energy on the board of the Boys' Club of Norfolk, as well as in its presidency. Particularly notable was his work in securing the club's swimming pool, which was named the Nicholas C. Wright Swimming Pool in his honor.

Mr. Wright was a past president of the Council of Social Agencies as well as a director of the Community Fund. For three years he served on the Norfolk school board, and he was a member of the Directors' Advisory Board of the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division. He belonged to the Rotary Club of Norfolk, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Princess Anne Country Club, Lodge No. 30 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. He was a communicant of the Freemason Street Baptist Church.

He was active in the Tidewater Horse Show Association, which he once served as president. For recreation he enjoyed horseback riding, and maintained a stable of three- and five-gaited saddle horses on his Ferry Point Farm.

On February 22, 1941, at Danville, Virginia, Nicholas Carter Wright married Virginia Kile Bell of that city. Her forebears came from Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Wright is active in civic and church affairs in Norfolk. She is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Boys' Club of Norfolk and the Garden Club, and participates fully in the program of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The couple became the parents of two sons: 1. Nicholas Carter, Jr., born April 27, 1943. 2. William Kile, born March 19, 1945.

Mr. Wright passed away on April 8, 1958.

BENJAMIN WILLIAM FOSTER—As a mortician, Benjamin William Foster centers his professional activities in Portsmouth, where he is owner and director of the B. W. Foster Funeral Home at High Street and Fifth Avenue.

A native of the city, he was born on July 8, 1913, son of Benjamin Hartsook and Bridget Veronica (O'Sullivan) Foster. His father, now retired, was for fifty-two years employed by the Portsmouth Navy Yard and held the position of master boilermaker for thirty-five years. The youngest of five children born to his parents, Benjamin W. Foster passed his boyhood in Portsmouth. He attended Catholic parochial schools, including three years at St. Mary's High School in Norfolk, and graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in Portsmouth in 1932. He then enrolled at the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, which he attended for one year and left to begin his career in the mortuary profession, which he has followed throughout the years since.

Early in his career he was associated with the S. J. Flynn Funeral Home at Portsmouth and continued with the organization for two and a half years prior to the death of Mr. Flynn. He then



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assumed management of the funeral home and continued in charge there until July 1936. In that month, in association with N. B. Richardson, Jr., of Portsmouth, he acquired ownership of the S. J. Flynn Funeral Home, and they changed its name to Richardson and Foster. In April 1955 Mr. Foster bought Mr. Richardson's interests, becoming sole owner, and the B. W. Foster Funeral Home, as it is now known, has been under his capable direction since that time. The modern funeral home is situated at High Street and Fifth Avenue. Air-conditioned, it is equipped with every comfort and convenience which good taste and the advancements in mortuary science can provide.

Mr. Foster is a member of the Tidewater Funeral Directors Association, the Virginia Funeral Directors Association, and the National Funeral Directors Association. He is likewise active in civic affairs and, as a member of the Rotary Club of Portsmouth, is currently serving as its sergeant-at-arms. He is a member of the lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in that city, is past president and currently a member of the board of directors of the Portsmouth Sports Club, and serves on the board of directors of the Frank H. Nott Memorial Clinic of Portsmouth Tuberculosis Association. Taking a vital interest in sports, he is a commissioner of the Southeastern Virginia Football Officials' Association and is now serving as its secretary-treasurer.

A Roman Catholic and a communicant of St. Theresa's Church, Mr. Foster is active in Catholic organizations. He is a Fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Catholic Club of Portsmouth. He has served as co-chairman of the advisory board of his church.

On June 2, 1943, Benjamin William Foster married Miss Hettie Helen Woodall of Johnston County, North Carolina, a graduate nurse and daughter of Zebulon and Savannah Elizabeth (Barbour) Woodall. The couple are the parents of five children: 1. Benjamin William, Jr., born on October 11, 1944. 2. Bartholomew Thomas, born on May 24, 1946. 3. Billy O'Sullivan, who was born on June 8, 1948. 4. Bruce Stephen, born on July 9, 1950. 5. Brian Patrick, born on October 23, 1953.

H. LEWIS DUDLEY—South Norfolk funeral director H. Lewis Dudley is owner of the Graham Funeral Home at Jackson and Jefferson streets. This organization, with which he has been identified for more than a decade, was founded in 1929 by J. Robert Graham, who continued as its director and owner until his death on November 7, 1949. The home is beautifully situated in a pleasant residential section, and surrounded by wide lawns

and landscaped grounds. The interior decor is impressive and dignified; and modern equipment and management are complemented by careful adherence to a policy of friendly, courteous and sympathetic relations.

A lifelong resident of Norfolk County, H. Lewis Dudley was born in the Hickory Community on May 4, 1911, son of the late Henry E. and Una (Reese) Dudley of South Norfolk. His father too was a native of Norfolk County, the son of William Robert and Sallie (Berryman) Dudley. His mother was born in Bertie County, North Carolina, the daughter of Walter Rivers Reese of Northampton County, North Carolina, and Willie (Veale) Reese of Bertie County.

Graduating from Hickory High School in 1929, H. Lewis Dudley began his career with the United States Department of Agriculture, his employment with that branch of the government taking him to several southern states. From 1931 to 1938 he worked on landscaping projects financed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in the restoration of Williamsburg, colonial capital of Virginia. For a time thereafter, he worked under D. Paul Decker, head of Norfolk's Department of Parks, and during a portion of the World War II period, was identified with the Naval Ammunition Depot at Pit Point, Virginia.

However, from his early years, Mr. Dudley had had an interest in the calling of funeral director, and he determined at this juncture in his career to make the break and prepare himself for that profession. In January 1944, he entered the employ of the Graham Funeral Home in South Norfolk, and for two years thereafter, served an apprenticeship as assistant funeral director under J. Robert Graham. For further preparation, he entered the Renouard School of Embalming in New York City, and graduated there in 1947. He then resumed his connection with the Graham Funeral Home. When Mr. Graham died in November 1949, he assumed full responsibility for the management of the business, accountable only to Mrs. Graham, who retained ownership. On October 1, 1950, Mr. Dudley became sole owner.

A man of great kindness and generosity, a true humanitarian, he possesses the traits and personality which win confidence in one of his calling. Coupled with this, he is acknowledged to have a thorough understanding of the principles of his profession, and in the business aspects of funeral home management, he has proved himself an efficient and practical administrator.

In private and community life, he has been active in a number of organizational connections. A member of the Norfolk Better Business Club, he served as its president in 1954. He is affiliated with

South Norfolk Lodge No. 339, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Ionic Chapter No. 44, Royal Arch Masons, and Auld Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, being a Thirty-second degree Mason. He is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Camp No. 46, Woodmen of the World, and Willie Lee Lodge No. 119, Knights of Pythias. He is a communicant of the Chesapeake Avenue Methodist Church.

Among his professional affiliations are the National Funeral Directors Association, and the Virginia Funeral Directors Association, of which he is now serving his second term as director. He is also a member of the Tidewater Virginia Funeral Directors Association, and held office as its president in 1954. Mr. Dudley's hobby is floriculture.

On January 29, 1944, in the Pillmore Methodist Church at Currituck, North Carolina, H. Lewis Dudley married Margaret Williams King, daughter of the late George Whitfield and Clara (Aydlette) Williams. She is a descendant of early settlers in North Carolina. Her father had been prominent in Currituck County, holding a number of offices of public trust. Mrs. Dudley attended Eastern Carolina Teachers College and the University of North Carolina, after which she taught in the public schools, and is now actively associated with Mr. Dudley in business. She is the mother of a daughter, Francine, who is now the wife of John Clark Barber, a native of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Barber have two children: John Clark, Jr., and Lewis William Barber, and this family resides in Macon, Georgia.

FRANK N. GRAVES of Norfolk is a young man in whose capable hands is the management of the city's long-established Cox Funeral Home. The owner and director of this establishment, at 631 Westover Avenue, he has preferred to continue its operation under the name which has won the confidence of his fellow citizens through the generations. It was first established in 1865 by Elijah Leander Cox at Maycock, North Carolina, and the Norfolk home has been operated since 1923. Mr. Cox's family had settled at Maycock in colonial times. After the founder had operated the funeral home there for more than twenty years, he moved in 1887 to Berkley, Virginia, where he successfully continued in the same profession until 1908. He then sold his interests to his oldest son, E. Lee Cox, Jr., and retired. In 1923, E. Lee Cox, Jr., was joined by his brother, W. W. Cox, and the firm name was changed to E. Lee Cox and Brother. It was also in this year that the beautiful colonial residence at 631 Westover Avenue, Norfolk, was acquired. In 1930,

E. Lee Cox, Jr., died, and his interest was acquired by his brother and partner, who was joined in due course by his son, W. W., Jr. The elder W. W. Cox died in 1940, and the son continued the business until April 1955, when Mr. Graves purchased it from him.

While the old traditions of service and sympathetic and friendly relations in the community have prevailed, the Cox Funeral Home has also kept pace with all advancements in mortuary science; and its equipment and appointments are unsurpassed.

Mr. Graves is a native Virginian, born on the Graves family farm in Bedford County on March 23, 1923. He is a son of the late Ovid Raymond and Annie (Adams) Graves, and his mother continues to reside on the farm, which has long been in the family. His father was born in Bedford County, descendant of a family of early settlers and of English ancestry. He was a farmer and a merchant, and his death took place on September 14, 1955. The seventh of eleven children, Frank N. Graves passed his boyhood on the home farm. He graduated from Huddleston High School in 1940, and in March 1943, entered the United States Navy for service in World War II. His tour of duty took him aboard a repair ship to the Pacific theater. He was separated from the service in August 1945.

He began his career with the Whitten Funeral Home in Lynchburg, gaining experience in subordinate capacities there during his high school days; and following his return from wartime service, entered Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science at Nashville, Tennessee. There he received his degree in mortuary science in 1949. He continued his association with the Whitten Funeral Home while advancing to professional status, and remained with the organization until April 1955. Desiring to head his own organization, he left at that time to acquire the Cox Funeral Home.

He is a member of the Tidewater Funeral Directors Association, the Virginia Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association.

Active in community life as well, he is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Travelers Protective Association. He is a communicant of the Epworth Methodist Church. His preference in the matter of recreation is for out-door sports, and he is particularly fond of baseball and football.

At Lynchburg, on June 11, 1948, Frank N. Graves married Virginia Belle Hudson, daughter of Thomas Melvin and Ada Belle (Long) Hudson of Halifax, Virginia. Mrs. Graves is a registered



Robert M. Baker Jr.

nurse who took her courses at Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg and graduated there. Mr. and Mrs. Graves are the parents of two sons: 1. Frank Noell, Jr., who was born on May 14, 1950. 2. Bryan Pugh, born April 23, 1953.

ROBERT N. BAKER, JR.—As an executive of R. W. Baker and Company of Suffolk, Robert N. Baker, Jr., represents the fourth generation of his family identified with the management of this long established firm, which has always been engaged in retail furniture sales and funeral directing. Mr. Baker served in 1955-1956 as president of the Virginia State Funeral Directors Association.

He was born at Suffolk on October 21 1907, son of Robert Newton, Sr., and Ethel (Ames) Baker. His father, who was his predecessor in the management of the furniture and funeral directing business, died on April 20, 1940. He was a native of Nansemond County, as was his wife, the former Ethel Ames. She survives him.

The younger Robert N. Baker attended public elementary and high schools of Suffolk, and graduated from Suffolk High School in 1927. For technical training he entered Virginia Military Institute, and graduated there in 1931 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He also earned his commission as a second lieutenant. From 1932 to 1938, he followed the engineering profession, working on government construction projects.

In 1939 Mr. Baker became associated with his father in the firm of R. W. Baker and Company. The concern was founded in 1885 by his grandfather, Robert Washington Baker, whose name it has borne since it came into existence. R. W. Baker was a son of Blake Baker, a cabinetmaker and coffin maker of Gates County, North Carolina. It was he who established the direction of the family's efforts in ensuing years; and R. W. Baker and Company is one of the few firms which has continued in both furniture sales and funeral directing. The conscientious and responsible way it has carried on both aspects of the business have made it an asset to the community.

It was in 1955 that Robert N. Baker, Jr., began his term as president of the Virginia State Funeral Directors Association, serving until June 1956. In his own city he is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, and served for fifteen years on the Suffolk school board. Attending the Main Street Methodist Church, he has served as chairman of its board and lay leader. He is a past president of Suffolk Retail Merchants Association, and a member of the Suffolk Rotary Club and Suffolk Lodge No. 340, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry he

is a member of the higher bodies including the chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the commandery of the Knights Templar, and Khedive Shrine in Norfolk. He is also a member of Lodge No. 385, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His professional connections, besides the Virginia State Funeral Directors Association, include the National Funeral Directors Association and National Selected Morticians. Mr. Baker's hobby is ship modeling.

In Nansemond County, on June 9, 1935, Robert N. Baker, Jr., married Allie Gardner Oliver, daughter of Samuel C. and Eureka (Ashburn) Oliver. Both of her parents are deceased. They were residents of Nansemond County. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have four children: 1. Allie Gardner. 2. Roberta Ames. 3. Lynn Oliver. 4. Robert N., 3rd.

HAROLD ALEXANDER CARPER—With sympathetic and understanding service a watchword, Harold Alexander Carper has been developing the Riverside Funeral Home, now in its new headquarters at 7415 River Road, Warwick, into one of the leading institutions in its field on the Virginia Peninsula. As president of that institution, Mr. Carper carries on an affiliation begun a score of years ago with a mortuary founded seven decades back, an institution once known as the Rouse Mortuary and operated in Newport News and later called the Rouse-Carper Funeral Home.

Mr. Carper was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, on December 26, 1911, the son of Frank D. and Eddie Blanche (Wade) Carper, both of whom are now deceased. The father was a native of Botetourt County, the mother of Washington County. Frank D. Carper for many years was with the Norfolk and Western Railroad and later served with the United States Shipping Board in Norfolk.

Harold A. Carper was reared in Portsmouth. He attended the public schools there. He was graduated from the Woodrow Wilson High School in June 1930. From 1931 to 1936 he was employed by the Peoples Service Drug Stores in Roanoke. With his savings, he then attended the Cincinnati College of Embalming in Cincinnati, Ohio, and upon his graduation in 1937 joined the late W. E. Rouse at the Rouse Funeral Home in Newport News.

Mr. Rouse, a native of Smithfield, established the institution in Newport News on February 5, 1888. He first called it the Rouse Mortuary. Later he renamed it the W. E. Rouse Funeral Home and under this name continued to operate it until a short time before his death, which occurred on June 20, 1945. Mr. Rouse was the first funeral director in Virginia to change from horse-drawn to motorized funeral equipment. He

was regarded as a leader among funeral directors throughout the state and took an active and influential role in obtaining passage of present laws pertaining to the funeral directors' profession.

Mr. Carper purchased the W. E. Rouse Funeral Home from his employer on April 9, 1945, together with the Newport News Casket Company. At the time of this purchase, he changed the name of the business to the Rouse-Carper Funeral Home. The Rouse-Carper Funeral Chapel, which was the first established on the Peninsula, was built for a capacity of one hundred-sixty persons. On March 1, 1955, Mr. Carper incorporated the business as the Riverside Funeral Home, Inc., with himself as president, Mrs. Mary Ash Englebert as vice president, and Joe L. Pinnell as secretary-treasurer. The firm moved to its new home in Warwick on January 1, 1957. The entire establishment there is modern in every facility. Mr. Carper has kept abreast of all improvements in his profession and has pursued postgraduate studies in plastic and demi-surgery. He uses the latest embalming techniques.

Like his late mentor, Mr. Carper is active in elevating and maintaining the standards of his profession. He belongs to the Virginia Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association, as well as to the Tidewater Funeral Directors Association. Well known in fraternal circles, he is past patron of the Newport News Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of Peninsula Lodge No. 278, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; St. John's Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Hampton Commandery, Knights Templar; Delcho Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; Newport News Chapter of Rose Croix; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Norfolk. Also, he belongs to the Rotary Club of Newport News and is active in the First Baptist Church of that city. His home is at 7415 River Road, Warwick. Photography is his hobby.

Mr. Carper married Grace Payne of Lake Landing, Hyde County, North Carolina, in Gloucester County on November 18, 1944. She is the daughter of Charlie and Ola (Miller) Payne. Mr. and Mrs. Carper are the parents of one daughter; Della Elizabeth, who was born on November 3, 1949, in Newport News.

V. LESLIE SYKES—As owner of the Sykes Funeral Home, Inc. at 122 East Berkley Avenue, Norfolk, V. Leslie Sykes capably heads an organization which has been in existence for many years. In 1887 Elijah Leander Cox became a funeral director at Berkley, which at that time was a separate

community. He successfully operated his funeral home until 1908, when he disposed of it to his eldest son, E. Lee Cox, Jr. When E. Lee Cox, Jr., died on July 1, 1930, Vernon L. Sykes and J. Robert Graham acquired the home, which they operated as the Graham and Sykes Funeral Home. In 1938 the name was changed to Sykes Funeral Home, and it has been thus designated since.

Vernon L. Sykes, the father of V. Leslie Sykes, remained active in its management until his death on May 6, 1946. For many years he was associated with the Merchants and Planters Bank. He married Bessie A. Gates, and their son, V. Leslie Sykes, was born in South Norfolk on July 1, 1911. He graduated from South Norfolk High School in 1929, and entered Cincinnati College of Embalming, from which he received his diploma.

He began his career with the Graham and Sykes Funeral Home, and later gained experience with mortuary establishments in Richmond and Lynchburg, spending a total of six years in those cities. Since 1938 he has been associated with the Sykes Funeral Home. In 1956 he and his wife, Mary Jane (Crawford) Sykes, acquired sole ownership of the business. They have kept their organization apace with all the modern trends of service in the mortuary profession, and their funeral home, at 122 East Berkley Avenue, can claim the best in decor and equipment. But they have not relinquished the traditions of friendly, tactful and sympathetic service which have been a distinguishing feature of the organization throughout its continued existence under various names.

Mr. Sykes is a member of the Tidewater Funeral Directors Association, the Virginia Funeral Directors Association, and, in civic and fraternal connections, the Southside Kiwanis Club and Doric Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he is also a member of Ionic Chapter No. 46, Royal Arch Masons, Old Consistory of the Valley of Virginia, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of Memorial Methodist Church. His favorite sports are hunting and fishing.

At South Mills, North Carolina, on July 2, 1935, V. Leslie Sykes married Mary Jane Crawford of South Norfolk, daughter of Isaac and Sue (Taylor) Crawford. Mrs. Sykes is active in community affairs, being a member of the Southside Women's Club and the Order of the Eastern Star of which she is a past worthy matron. She is a member of Memorial Methodist Church. The couple are the parents of a son, Vernon Leslie, 3rd, who was born February 25, 1937. He graduated in 1956 from Maury High School, and is now a student at Elon College in North Carolina.



Francis A. Gay

FRANCIS A. GAY—The Francis A. Gay Funeral Home of South Norfolk was founded in 1939, and Mr. Gay, whose name it bears, remains its owner. Situated in an attractive residential section, it occupies the stately old John Cuthrell residence, which was remodeled at considerable cost to meet the most exacting requirements of modern funeral service. Air-conditioned throughout, it is equipped with every comfort and convenience, and every facility to render service carefully planned to satisfy every requirement of families during the difficult period of bereavement. While it has kept pace with all developments in the mortuary profession, it has as an unchanging feature a friendly and considerate attitude, a kindly and tactful manner in all relationships.

Francis A. Gay, a native of South Norfolk, was born on July 11, 1909, son of Maurice A. and Elise (Monell) Gay. His father, now deceased, was a native of Conway, North Carolina. His mother, who now resides in South Norfolk, was born in Nansemond County. She has served as deputy commissioner of revenue for South Norfolk since the town was incorporated in 1922.

Passing his boyhood there and attending its public schools, Francis A. Gay graduated from South Norfolk High School in 1930. He is also a graduate of Cincinnati College of Embalming, and began his career under the late John Robert Graham, founder of the Graham Funeral Home in South Norfolk. He continued with that organization until November 1938.

In February 1939, he established the Gay Funeral Home at Rodgers and Ohio streets in South Norfolk. With a thorough knowledge of the profession, a personable manner and integrity of character, he has earned the confidence of the community. Mr. Gay is a member of the Virginia Funeral Directors Association. He is active in community affairs, being a member of South Norfolk Lodge No. 339, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Ionic Chapter No. 44, Royal Arch Masons, of Berkley; and Willie Lee Lodge No. 119, Knights of Pythias, in South Norfolk. He is also a member of the South Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and he is a member of the Chesapeake Avenue Methodist Church. Mr. Gay is fond of all outdoor sports, particularly hunting.

On September 11, 1934, at the South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church, Francis A. Gay married Mildred Virginia Simpkins, daughter of Pearl Thomas and Nellie (Lamberth) Simpkins of that city. Her father is now retired after forty-seven years of service with the car department of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, in the course of which he advanced to the position of superintendent. Mrs. Gay is a graduate of South

Norfolk High School, Class of 1927, and attended Longwood State Teachers College at Farmville, Virginia. Prior to her marriage she taught in the Great Bridge public school. She is active in cultural and civic affairs, being a member of the Chesapeake Avenue Methodist Church, the Women's Club of South Norfolk, the Pythian Sisters and the Order of the Eastern Star. She is vice president of the Oscar Frommel Smith High School's Parent-Teacher Association. Mr. and Mrs. Gay are the parents of two children: 1. Frances Jeanette, born July 3, 1938. She is a graduate of Oscar Frommel Smith High School. 2. Thomas Ashland, born March 17, 1941, attending the same high school.

HARRY DIGGS OLIVER, 2nd—Situated in an exclusive residential section of Norfolk, the H. D. Oliver Funeral Apartments were designed and built to harmonize with their surroundings; yet there is attractive individuality in the Georgian-Colonial design and the wide sweep of the lawn which add refinement and beauty to this long-established funeral home. To develop an atmosphere of "home" and relieve all possible tension from the moment one enters, has been the motivating purpose in the design, construction, and furnishing. While the purely business aspects have been subordinated and made as unobtrusive as possible, there remains no doubt that the home is operated under capable, understanding management. The chapel, seating two hundred and fifty, has a two-manual pipe organ, and with its indirect lighting and quiet good taste in decorating, combines the best features of a house of worship. The motor equipment operated by Oliver Funeral Apartments consists of hearses built by the Henney Superior Corporation on a Cadillac chassis, and a fleet of luxurious passenger cars, styled in quiet dignity. Through these material media and capable and friendly management, the firm carries on a ninety-year tradition of service.

It was established in 1865 by Sterling D. Oliver and is thus the oldest funeral establishment in the Norfolk area. The first funeral home was at the corner of Church and Cove streets. In 1898 a new location was chosen, at 610-612 Freemason Street; and since 1938, the Oliver Funeral Apartments have been housed in the present beautiful structure at Colonial and Shirley avenues. The founder continued as managing head of the business until his death on February 2, 1884. He left no son to carry on his name, but fortunately his nephew, Harry Diggs Oliver, Sr., had taken an interest in the continuance of the establishment. He was only eighteen at the time of his uncle's death, but he was already well schooled in the profession, and as soon as he came of age, he

became full owner and carried forward the firm's fine traditions until his death on May 22, 1941. Harry D. Oliver, Sr., was born at Norfolk on February 8, 1866, son of John B. and Sarah Elizabeth (Carr) Diggs. His father was a native of Mathews County, while his mother had been born in Princess Anne County. Educated in the schools of Norfolk and graduating with honors from Professor Sullivan's School of Embalming in Baltimore in 1887, he was well equipped for his role in life. His progressive vision and capable management made him a leader among the funeral directors of the state. He was at one time elected president of the Virginia State Association of Funeral Directors and was active in the national association. He was also a member of the Virginia State Board of Embalmers and, in the twenty years he served, did much to raise the standards of the profession. Interested in civic affairs, he served on the Norfolk Board of Aldermen. He was a Rotarian, a Fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a life member of Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of the Association of Commerce. He served on the board of directors of the Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association and the County Charities organization and generously assisted all charitable causes. He was a member of the Virginia Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and, during World War I, the National Catholic Welfare Board. Harry D. Oliver, Sr., married Mary Frances Patton of Norfolk, who died November 19, 1954. Both were members of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. They were the foster parents of five adopted children: 1. Mary Louise, now Mrs. George E. Schraudt, Jr., of Richmond. 2. Marian, now Mrs. D. Kingsley Traylor. 3. Patton. 4. Harry Diggs, 2nd. 5. James B.

Harry Diggs Oliver, 2nd., who succeeds his father in the management of the H. D. Oliver Funeral Apartments, is a partner of his brother, James B. Oliver, in the ownership of the organization. He was born in Norfolk on June 6, 1913, and attended Sacred Heart Elementary School, Norfolk Academy, and Fishburn Military School at Waynesboro, where he graduated in the Class of 1933. His professional preparation was received at Renouard Training School for Embalmers, and on completing his courses there, he was licensed in 1935. He gained his first experience working with his father, after graduating at Fishburn in 1933. Following the elder man's death in 1941, he became solely responsible for the management of the Funeral Apartments, and on March 15, 1956, he and his brother acquired the interests from the estate and have been co-owners since that time.

Active in professional groups, Mr. Oliver is a

member of the Virginia Funeral Directors Association, the National Funeral Directors Association, and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He is a Rotarian and a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Lafayette Club, of which he is also a director. Affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, he is a member of Lodge No. 38. He holds the Fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus, is a member of the Ryan Club, and serves on the lay advisory board of DePaul Hospital. A Roman Catholic, he attends Sacred Heart Church. His favorite outdoor sports are boating, fishing, and hunting.

On April 30, 1938, in Richmond, Harry Diggs Oliver, 2nd, married Mary Elizabeth Mengel of that city, daughter of John George and Mary Arthur (Rieves) Mengel. The couple are the parents of six children: 1. Mary Frances. 2. Harry Diggs, 3rd. 3. Elizabeth Anne. 4. Loretta. 5. John Patton. 6. Martin V.

James B. Oliver, partner in the ownership of Oliver Funeral Apartments, was born April 15, 1917, in Norfolk. He attended Sacred Heart Elementary School, and graduated from Maury High School. Since 1938 he has been associated with the family business. He is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, a member and the charter president of the Sertoma Club of Norfolk, and a member of the Virginia Club, Norfolk Sports Club, and Fraternal Order of Police Associates. He and his family attend Blessed Sacrement Roman Catholic Church.

His wife is the former Miss Margaret Terrell of Richmond, and they have three children: 1. James B., Jr. 2. Barry Lane. 3. Leslie Terrell.

ROBERT DAVID HECHT—The Hecht Distributing Company, Inc., of Portsmouth, acts as distributor of Schlitz beer in that city, South Norfolk, Berkley, and half of Norfolk County. The founder of this firm was Robert David Hecht, who serves as its president and manager. Its warehouse and offices are located at 917 Middle Street, Portsmouth. There are fourteen persons on its payroll, and seven trucks are used in delivery operations. The company has warehouse facilities totaling six thousand square feet.

A native of Norfolk, Robert D. Hecht was born on March 16, 1922, the oldest of three sons of Irving and Sarah Yetta (Leibowitz) Hecht of that city. His father remains the directing head of Irving Hecht and Company, jewelers and silversmiths, of Norfolk, a firm established in 1916. Passing his boyhood years in Norfolk, Bob Hecht, as he is best known, attended public schools there and graduated from Maury High School in 1939. He then entered the College of William and Mary,



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Norfolk Division, where he was a student for two years, majoring in economics. At the end of that time, he transferred to the University of Virginia, from which he graduated in 1943, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. While there, he was a member of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and served as battalion adjutant. On his graduation, he was commissioned as ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

Mr. Hecht immediately entered active service in World War II, being assigned to the destroyer service in the Pacific. He was in action until the invasion and capture of Okinawa, where his ship was damaged by enemy action, after which he served as assistant professor of Naval Science and Tactics at Villanova College in Pennsylvania. He continued on the faculty there until he was separated from the active service of the United States Navy at Philadelphia in December 1946, with the rank of lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve.

Throughout his student years, Mr. Hecht was interested in debating. He was a member of the Maury High School Debating Team and represented his high school, in 1938-1939, on the Virginia State High School Debating Team. At the College of William and Mary, he was a member of the Debate Council and captain of the Fencing Team. At the University of Virginia, he was again a member of the Debate Council, the Athletic Council, and the varsity fencing team of 1942-1943, which he served as co-captain.

Following his separation from naval service in December 1946, Mr. Hecht entered the wholesale beer distribution business at Newport News, where he continued until 1953. In that year he founded his present enterprise, Hecht Distributing Company, Inc., in Portsmouth.

Active in civic affairs, he is a member of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. He is treasurer of the Portsmouth Junior Police and vice president of the Portsmouth Sports Club. He has given valuable support to the Community Chest's fund-raising campaigns and is a member of Gomley Chesed Synagogue and of Temple Sinai of Portsmouth. As a veteran of naval service in World War II, he is a member of the American Legion.

On June 27, 1945, at Norfolk, Robert David Hecht married Bertha Friedman. They are the parents of two children: 1. Gary Michael, born August 25, 1949. 2. Leslie Dean, born April 30, 1953. The family lives at 101 Lake Circle Drive, Portsmouth.

Alison Jehu Parsons is a business leader whose natural aptitudes and sound sense of values have carried him far in his chosen field. He has won respect for his progressive qualities, which have kept his firm in the front rank of the beverage industry. His friends are many, and he has taken a responsible role in civic life. His firm is distributor for Pabst Blue Ribbon beer in the Norfolk area, and in Princess Anne and Nansemond counties.

Born January 24, 1899, at Salisbury, Maryland, he is a son of Jehu Toadvine and Flora Ellen (Holland) Parsons, both also natives of that place. His forebears were early settlers in Salisbury and Wicomico counties on the eastern shore of Maryland. His paternal great-grandfather, Jehu Parsons, was a large-scale planter and slave holder, and also a banker. He acquired Pemberton Hall Plantation in 1779. One of the historic landmarks of the Peninsula, the manor house there was built in 1732 by Isaac Handy, famous architect of his time. Pemberton Hall remained in the Parsons family until 1888. Alison Chapman Parsons, son of Jehu, was also a planter, and he served as a captain in the Maryland Militia in the conflict between the North and South. His son, Jehu Toadvine Parsons, was a graduate of St. John's Military Academy, and in 1897 in Salisbury, he married Flora Ellen Holland, daughter of Isaac and Annie B. Holland. Orphaned at an early age, Miss Holland was reared in the home of her uncle, Isaac Williams of Salisbury. It was in that city that Jehu T. Parsons spent his entire life. He was a merchant, served as mayor, and at the time of his death on May 12, 1916, was serving as tax collector of the city. Mrs. Parsons survives him, and lives in the nearby village of Hebron, Maryland. The couple were the parents of two children: 1. Alison Jehu. 2. Mary Virginia, who married, first, Harvey B. Morris, and married, second, Edward T. Lantz of Salisbury.

Alison J. Parsons passed his boyhood in Salisbury, and graduated from Wicomico High School in 1916. In February of that year he enlisted in Company I, 115th Infantry, Maryland National Guard, and served on the Mexican border. Following this country's entry into World War I, his unit became a component of the 29th Division. He served with the American Expeditionary Force in France, and was in combat in the Alsace-Lorraine and the Meuse-Argonne sectors. For a time following the armistice, he was assigned to the Chemical Warfare Service, in which he held the rank of first sergeant. Before returning to the United States he was reassigned, on his own request, to his old outfit, Company I, 115th Infantry. He was mustered out of service at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, in July 1919, hold-

ALISON JEHU PARSONS—The president of Virginia Beverage Company, Inc., at Norfolk,

in the rank of corporal at that time. He had served three years and five months and was discharged six months prior to his twenty-first birthday.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Parsons entered the employ of George A. Bonds and Company of Hebron, Maryland, as a timber estimator and vegetable buyer. He continued in that work for a year, and in 1920 came to Norfolk. There he joined the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, for which he worked until 1929, holding the position of cashier of the Norfolk office at the time he resigned to accept a position with the Jones Cold Storage and Terminals Corporation. He was assistant treasurer of that firm, and also acted as cold-storage solicitor. In 1932, Mr. Parsons left to join another organization in the same industry, the Virginia Ice and Freezing Corporation.

In August 1933, shortly after the legalization of beer as a beverage with the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, he was granted the franchise of the Pabst Brewing Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the distribution of its product in Norfolk, and in Princess Anne and Nansemond counties. When the Virginia Beverage Company, Inc., was formed, its stockholders included Charles Syer, Jr., and William G. Martin as well as Mr. Parsons. In 1937, however, he acquired Mr. Syer's and Mr. Martin's interests and became owner of the company while continuing as its directing head. He is its president, Ella Ward Parsons is vice president, George E. French is executive vice president and sales manager, and O. C. Drescher is secretary and treasurer. In 1953, the modern warehouse and office building at 1306 Ballentine Boulevard was erected by the corporation, and was occupied in January 1954.

Active in the councils of his industry, Mr. Parsons is a member of the Virginia Malt Beverage Association, and served as its president in 1953-1954. He is also a member of the National Beer Wholesalers of America. In his own city he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, and he is also a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the board of directors of the Leigh Memorial Hospital. He is a member of the advisory board of Norfolk's Civilian Defense program, and he has served as chairman of the A. B. C. Retail and Wholesale Division of the Norfolk Community Chest for some years. He has also served as co-chairman of the local March of Dimes Boxing Carnival Committee, and in this connection was influential in having bouts televised from Norfolk under the sponsorship of Pabst. An added feature of the program has been the televising of features of Norfolk's industrial, commercial and community life. Reaching the public through Columbia's television network, it has

done much to acquaint people in other parts of the country with this Lower Tidewater city—an achievement for which Mr. Parsons deserves much credit.

Mr. Parsons is a member and past commodore of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, a member of the Rotary Club, and a member of Owens Lodge No. 164, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to the higher bodies of Masonry, including Norfolk Chapter No. 101, Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Virginia Club, Princess Anne Golf and Country Club, and the Commissioned Officers Golf Club. He is fond of golf and boating.

On May 30, 1921, at Salisbury, Alison Jehu Parsons married Margaret Ellen Ward, daughter of the late Benjamin Franklin and Emma Jennie (Wingate) Ward of Salisbury, Maryland. Her father was a building contractor and died in 1940. Her mother died in 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons share a love of floriculture, and take a particular interest in camellias. They are responsible for some of the most attractive specimens grown in the state of Virginia, and have over three hundred varieties in their garden. Many are grafts which they have produced themselves, and they have won many awards in regional and national flower shows. Both are members of the Virginia Camellia Society, and are members and national judges in the American Camellia Society. Mr. Parsons is a member of the national society's advisory board, and is a past president (1953-1955) of the Virginia Camellia Society, now serving on its board of directors. Mrs. Parsons is a member and past president of the Algonquin Garden Club, is vice president of the Old Dominion Horticultural Society, and a member of the Norfolk Garden Club. She is chairman of the grounds committee of the Norfolk General Hospital. The couple are communicants of Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Parsons is active in its Altar Guild. The couple live at 7439 Flicker Point. Bordering on the Lafayette River, their home is one of the most attractive estates of Norfolk.

WILLIAM PERNELL GRIFFIN—For over a decade and a half, William Pernel Griffin has been distributor for Sinclair petroleum products in the Suffolk area, and has built up an efficiently managed and successful organization. He has also emerged as an influential figure in municipal affairs; and as president of the city council, holds a position tantamount to that of mayor.

He was born in Sussex County, on December 8, 1901, son of William Benjamin and Susie M. (Atkinson) Griffin. His father, also born in Sussex



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County, on January 20, 1856, was a farmer and lumberman, and lived to an advanced age, dying on January 28, 1950. Mrs. Griffin was born in 1876, and died November 18, 1954. William P. Griffin attended the public schools of Sussex County, and attended Sussex High School until 1914. He later attended Smithdeal Business College.

At the outset of his career, he joined Standard Oil Company of Virginia, and worked three years in its merchandising and sales departments. He left in 1928 to enter the employ of the Sinclair Refining Company, remaining for a decade in merchandising connections. With this background of valuable experience to his credit, he became distributor of Sinclair products in Suffolk on August 1, 1938, and has successfully operated this distributorship since. His firm employs nine people, and uses seven trucks in delivering gasoline and other products.

A Democrat in his politics, Mr. Griffin first became a member of the Suffolk city council in 1951 by appointment. He was elected to succeed himself in office in 1953, beginning a four-year term. In 1955 he was appointed president of the council, in which capacity he has duties and responsibilities comparable with those of mayor in other cities.

A Rotarian, he was president of his club for the 1955-1956 term, and he is a member of lodges 685, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 50 (Welcome Lodge) of the Knights of Pythias, and Hiram Lodge No. 340, Free and Accepted Masons in Suffolk. In Masonry he is a member of the higher bodies, including the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at Portsmouth, Mount Nebo Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons at Suffolk, the commandery of the Knights Templar at Portsmouth, and, as a Thirty-second-degree Mason, Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Norfolk. He has been a devoted worker in the West End Baptist Church, and is past chairman of its board of deacons.

In Richmond, on February 1, 1930, William Pernel Griffin married Virginia H. Harris of Greensville County, daughter of Tamlin Parson and Mary Elizabeth (Ferguson) Harris. Both of her parents are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin have been civic-minded citizens of Suffolk, deeply interested in community and welfare causes. He has been particularly active in work on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America, and has received the Silver Beaver award. His favorite outdoor sport is fishing.

PAUL M. LIPKIN, who began his law practice in recent years in the city of Norfolk, is a member of the firm of Goldblatt and Lipkin, with offices in the National Bank of Commerce Build-

ing. He is a native of Norfolk and was born on May 4, 1927, son of Sam and Anna (Goldblatt) Lipkin. His father too was born in Norfolk, and is secretary of the Southern Insurance Agency, a position he has held since 1920. Marcus Lipkin, grandfather of the attorney, served on the Norfolk city council from 1906 to 1914. Anna (Goldblatt) Lipkin is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia.

Taking his preparatory school studies in the public elementary and high schools of Norfolk, Paul M. Lipkin graduated from Maury High School in 1945, and in July of that year entered the United States Army. He served overseas, and was separated from the army in 1947. At that time he entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, where he was a student for one year. He then transferred to William and Mary College, and concluded his professional studies at the University of Virginia, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1952. While in law school he was an editor of the "Virginia Law Review."

He began his career in association with Samuel Goldblatt, and was admitted to partnership December 31, 1954, at which time the present firm of Goldblatt and Lipkin was formed. In addition to the national, state and local bar organizations, Mr. Lipkin is a member of the Order of the Coif and the Raven Society.

In his home city he is active in the B'nai B'rith, being vice president of his local lodge. He is a member of the Temple Israel Synagogue and a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Community Center of Norfolk. He is also a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Norfolk. Politically, he is a Democrat.

On August 21, 1949, Paul M. Lipkin married Eleanor Leon, daughter of Ben and Helen (Goodman) Leon. Her father, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, is a clothier, and operates the Leon Custom Clothiers in Norfolk. Mrs. Lipkin is active in the women's group of B'nai B'rith, and is also a member of the Council of Jewish Women. The couple make their home at 6032 River Road, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Laura Patricia, born February 11, 1953. 2. Matthew Howard, born August 13, 1956.

LOUIS E. BOTTINO—One of Norfolk's large and important industrial organizations is the Ajax Tile and Marble Corporation, at 820 West Twenty-first Street, a firm which acts as both fabricator and contractor, dealing in terrazzo, ceramic tile, composition floors, and marble, granite and limestone work. Louis E. Bottino, who has had ample experience in this field, is its president.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, he was born on March 20, 1910, son of Michael and Agatha (Scalia) Bottino. Both of his parents came to

this country from Italy, where his father had trained as a marble contractor and sculptor. Arriving in the United States in 1896, he took up his trade in Brooklyn, where he lived and worked during the remaining years of his life. He died in 1937 at the age of sixty, and Mrs. Bottino was also sixty years of age when she died, in 1946.

Louis E. Bottino received his early education in Brooklyn, then as now a borough of New York City. He graduated from high school there in 1928, and joined his father, learning the business from the rudiments up through the advanced skills. Coming to Norfolk in 1941 to enter business for himself, he founded the Ajax Tile and Marble Corporation. He has built up an organization which has completed contracts, and earned a reputation, far beyond the confines of the city in which it is located. It has served customers in the Carolinas, in Maryland and as far away as Bermuda, as well as throughout Virginia. It manufactures marble and terrazzo products, but also uses domestic and imported products in its work. The attractive modern plant of Ajax Tile and Marble Corporation has forty-five thousand square feet of floor space, of which twenty-five thousand square feet are under one roof. There are over a hundred names on its payroll.

Mr. Bottino is a member of the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club, and golf and fishing are his favorite pastimes. He is a Roman Catholic in his religious faith, and a Democrat in his politics.

In February 1935, Louis E. Bottino married Grace Cogliandro, daughter of Santo and Mary (Bellantonio) Cogliandro, both natives of Italy. They reside in Norfolk, and Mr. Cogliandro is a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Bottino make their home at 411 Ridgeley Road, Norfolk, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Michael, who was born in 1935. He is now attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 2. Grace, born in 1941; attending high school. 3. Sanford, born in 1943.

WALTER ELLISON WILLIAMSON, JR.—

As a funeral director whose career has been centered in Norfolk, Walter Ellison Williamson, Jr., has been active in the management of the Ewell and Williamson Funeral Home at 35th Street and Colonial Avenue. With over twenty-five years of service to the citizens of Tidewater Virginia, this home is situated in the select residential section of the city. Modern in every respect, it is air-conditioned throughout, equipped with every comfort and decorated with impressive dignity. The chapel, newly enlarged and redecorated, is equipped with a Wurlitzer organ, and indeed quality equipment of every type is a distinguishing feature of the home. Friendly consideration and sympathy characterize its relations with the public, and its

management brings thorough training and efficiency to their duties.

Associated with the Ewell and Williamson Funeral Home since its founding, Walter E. Williamson, Jr., has achieved a wide reputation in his profession. A native of Norfolk, he was born on October 6, 1906, son of Walter Ellison and Bertie (Griggs) Williamson. He received his early education in the public schools of Norfolk, attended Ghent Preparatory School, and took premedical studies at the College of William and Mary for one year. He then entered the Renouard School of Embalming in New York City, from which he graduated in 1929.

Shortly afterwards, Mr. Williamson began his career with a local funeral home in Norfolk, remaining with that organization for five years. With a thorough knowledge of his profession, he entered into partnership with Heber E. Ewell in the founding of Ewell and Williamson Funeral Home in 1932. He is a member of the Virginia Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association.

In his home city, Mr. Williamson is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Cosmopolitan Club, and the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Ancient Free and Accepted Mason. In Masonry he is affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 266; the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and with Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Elizabeth Chapter No. 45, Order of the Eastern Star. He and his family attend the Park Place Baptist Church.

On December 13, 1940, Walter E. Williamson, Jr., married Margaret Ayers of Norfolk, daughter of Vasco D. and Margaret (Davies) Ayers.

JAMES ETHRIDGE BAYLOR—The Baylor Picture Frame Corporation was founded by one of Norfolk's youngest business leaders, James E. Baylor, who has also proved his qualities of executive leadership in the realty field, parking lot management, and hardware sales.

Born April 30, 1928, in Norfolk, he is a son of Robert P. W. and Lena (Jarvis) Baylor, both of whom are also natives of Norfolk. Robert Baylor, who is now with the real estate firm of Ethridge, Baylor, and Hofheimer, is also secretary and treasurer of the Baylor Picture Frame Corporation. He served in the navy in World War I, going overseas, and was discharged in 1918. He is one of Norfolk's veteran real estate operators and a member of the Norfolk Real Estate Board. He has also served on the city's Selective Service Board.



L. L. Oliver

Reared in Norfolk and attending its public schools, James E. Baylor graduated from Maury High School in 1945. In 1947, before he had reached the age of twenty, he entered the real estate business, being the youngest dealer in properties then active in the city, and he continued active in his agency for a year and a half. In 1949 he left to found Baylor Picture Frame Corporation, and he has since managed this firm as its president.

As indicated above, his father, R. P. W. Baylor, is its secretary-treasurer, and Paul B. Victorius is vice president. The firm conducts a custom picture framing business in all parts of the state of Virginia; retails prints, art supplies, and greeting cards; and does engraving. Eight people are employed full-time at its headquarters, 241-243 York Street. This was once the site of a stable owned by Mr. Baylor's grandfather, whose residence was at the present location of Mr. Baylor's parking lot. This lot is operated by the Bute-Duke Parking Lot Company, which Mr. Baylor founded in 1950, and of which he remains the owner. He has headed a number of other business enterprises as well. He opened a photographic store in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, in 1951, but disposed of it the following year. In 1953 he opened the Little Creek Hardware Store, which he still operates as secretary-treasurer. Also in 1953 he established the Baylor Manufacturing Company, a firm acting as manufacturers' agent, but this ceased operations in 1954. In 1955 he bought the book store of William Treeman and Son, which was closed in 1956.

Mr. Baylor is secretary-treasurer of the Norfolk Parking Association and is active in the Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau. He is a veteran of service in the United States Marines, in which he enlisted in 1945. He was separated from the service the following year, but remained in the Marine Corps Reserves until 1951. His hobby is boating. He maintains a fishing boat and is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.

On December 9, 1950, James Ethridge Baylor married Marion Webb, daughter of Harry Earl and Julia (Mountcastle) Webb. Her father was born in Madison, New York, and her mother in Weldon, North Carolina. He is an accountant by profession and is a veteran of World War I. Mrs. Baylor attended the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division and Williamsburg Division. She is active in the King's Daughters and is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. The couple are the parents of one child: Marion Lee, who was born on January 25, 1956. James E. Baylor is one of four children born to his parents. His brother, Robert P. W.

Baylor, Jr., lost his life on Iwo Jima in February 1945, while serving in the Marine Corps. Richard A. is an accountant in Norfolk, and he served in the United States Army in World War II. Lena Jarvis Baylor is the only daughter. Mr. and Mrs. James E. Baylor make their home at 6000 Eastwood Terrace, Norfolk.

CLIFTON LINWOOD PIERCE—For three decades, the Pierce Tire Company has occupied a prominent place on the Suffolk business scene. It is still operated by its founder, Clifton Linwood Pierce, and his son, Clifton, Jr. It is the headquarters of Goodyear products for this area.

Mr. Pierce is a native of Nansemond County, and was born at Myrtle on October 6, 1880, son of William J. and Mary Frances (Cooper) Pierce. His father was a lumberman, active in the states of North Carolina and Virginia. Receiving his education in the public schools of Nansemond County, Clifton L. Pierce, Sr., pursued the occupation of farming until he was nineteen years of age. At that time he became a fireman on the Suffolk-Carolina Railroad, served in that capacity for about four years, and was then engineer on the same line for five years. He left railroading to enter the lumber industry, and for three years was superintendent for a lumber company in Sussex County. He later became a partner in the firm of A. B. Hartz and Company in Waverly, Virginia, manufacturers of keg staves; and on first coming to Suffolk, worked for the American Lumber Company.

Determining to enter business in his own right, he left the lumber industry in 1926 to enter the tire retailing field, and since 1929 has dealt exclusively in Goodyear tires and rubber products. Entering the business with a firm belief that service constitutes an integral part of the tire business, he installed sectional molds and provided his customers with road service. He has since added recapping facilities. His son, Clifton L., Jr., gained experience in the business before the World War II period, and since his return from Air Corps service, has become a partner in the firm now known as Pierce Tire Company.

Although he was formerly identified with the Lions Club and the lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, C. L. Pierce, Sr., has now demitted from both. He remains active, however, in the work of his church, the Suffolk Christian, and is currently serving as a deacon. He is a Democrat in his politics.

On October 5, 1904, at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Clifton Linwood Pierce, Sr., married Ether Brinkley of Suffolk, daughter of Felton W. and Lizzie D. (Berrylea) Brinkley. The cou-

ple are the parents of one son, Clifton L., Jr., whose sketch accompanies.

CLIFTON LINWOOD PIERCE, JR.—Junior partner in Suffolk's well-known tire dealership, Clifton Linwood Pierce, Jr., has been active in the management of the Pierce Tire Company since he returned from wartime service in the Navy Air Corps. He was born at Homeville, in Sussex County, on March 22, 1918, son of Clifton L., Sr., and Ether (Brinkley) Pierce. Receiving his education in the public schools of Suffolk, he graduated from high school there in 1939.

In his boyhood, he gained his first experience in the tire sales firm, working on a part-time basis under the expert tutelage of his father. Following the completion of his high school studies, he worked full time in the wholesale and retail tire agency. When this country entered World War II, however, he left to enlist in the United States Naval Air Corps. He spent four years in uniform, of which two and a half years were spent overseas in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He distinguished himself in the service of his country and won a number of decorations.

After the war he rejoined the business with which he had "grown up," and is now a partner in the Pierce Tire Company. With his father withdrawing gradually from active management, C. L. Pierce, Jr., is now largely in charge of operations.

As a veteran of World War II, he is a member of Suffolk Post No. 57 of the American Legion. He also belongs to the Lions Club and the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, besides his membership in Suffolk Lodge No. 30, he is identified with Mount Nebo Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons No. 20, and Commandery No. 5 at Portsmouth of the Knights Templar. He is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends Suffolk Christian Church, serves on the board of finance (of which he was formerly the chairman), and is also assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

It was at this church, on October 28, 1947, that Clifton L. Pierce, Jr., married Mary Katherine Allmond of Suffolk, daughter of Harry and Gladys (Waddell) Allmond. The couple are the parents of two daughters: 1. Katherine Lynn, who was born on November 7, 1951. 2. Martha Ann, born December 18, 1954.

IRVING B. KLINE—The president and treasurer of Kline Chevrolet Sales Corporation of Nor-

folk, Irving B. Kline was a pioneer in the automotive field in Baltimore, Maryland. He has made an important contribution to the automotive industry, with which he has been identified since 1912. A resident of Norfolk since 1920, he formed his Chevrolet sales firm there five years later, and has won a place in the ranks of the city's business leaders, and in its civic leadership as well.

He was born May 20, 1894, at Baltimore, Maryland, the youngest of the three children of James D. and Amelia (Schoolherr) Kline. His father was a native of Germany, and in his early teens came to America. He served in the Confederate States Army from Greensboro, North Carolina, and for many years prior to his retirement, was a prominent building contractor of Baltimore. He passed his last few years in Norfolk, where he died in 1920. His wife, the former Amelia Schoolherr, was born in Baltimore, and died in Norfolk in 1932.

It was in Baltimore that Irving B. Kline passed his boyhood, and he attended Friends Quaker School and Baltimore City College. When he first entered the automotive field, in 1912, he began selling motorcycles, and in the early years of his career, operated a sales agency for the Stanley Steamer. He also sold other makes of automobiles of that period, when there were a great many more manufacturers of motor cars than at the present time. He was a pioneer in selling motor cars on a time-payment plan. During the years 1916-1917 he operated the Kline Motor Company of Baltimore, a Ford agency, which he sold when he entered the Naval Aviation Corps for service in World War I. He remained in the service of the Corps until 1919, and in 1920 came to Norfolk. There he continued his activities in the automobile sales field, and in 1925, organized the Kline Chevrolet Sales Corporation, which opened its doors in December of that year. He has held the distributorship for this popular low-priced car ever since. His first location was in the old American Theatre Building and later at 731 Granby Street. In January 1933, Kline Chevrolet Sales Corporation established its present sales and service center at Monticello and 13th Street. In 1951, there was erected there one of the most modern sales and service buildings in the Lower Tidewater region. The agency began its existence under Mr. Kline's direction with eight employees, and its payroll is now in excess of one hundred and forty. Highly trained personnel in both the sales and the service departments, plus the latest factory-approved equipment for complete service to the motoring public. The company's plant now covers the entire block extending from 13th to 14th and from Granby to Monticello Avenue. Through gradual but steady growth, the agency has be-



C. L. Prince, Jr.

come one of Virginia's largest Chevrolet dealerships. It owes much of its success to long-standing friendships in customer relationships, and to employee loyalty.

Irving B. Kline has continued as president and treasurer of the firm since its inception. In 1949, his oldest son, Richard H., entered the firm, and is now vice president and manager. In 1956 his youngest son, James Martin Kline, became active in the business as vice president and secretary.

Mr. Kline is honorary chairman of the Tidewater Multiple Sclerosis Society, and honorary vice president of the American Humane Association (national organization). He is a member of the advisory committee of the Girls Club of Norfolk, director of the De Paul Hospital of Norfolk, director of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, committeeman of the Norfolk Chapter, National Conference of Christians and Jews, and a member and past director of the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk, as well as a past director of Camp Kiwanis. He is a member of Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and for the past twenty-five years has been a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Norfolk. He is also a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in that city, and a member and past president of Consolvo Tent, Circus Saints and Sinners, member and past president of the Hague Club; member and past president of the Norfolk Chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; president of the Fraternal Order of Police Associates; Commodore of Lodge No. 3 of Norfolk; president of the Norfolk Citizens Council for Traffic Safety; past chairman of the Civitan Selection Committee for Outstanding City Employees; past president and member of the organizing committee, and currently director of the Better Business Bureau of Norfolk; vice president of the Retail Merchants Association of Norfolk; past director of the Izaak Walton League of Norfolk; and past chairman of the board of the Lynn Haven Hunt Club.

Prominent in automotive circles, Mr. Kline is vice president of the Virginia Council, Automobile Old Timers Club; is a member and past president and secretary of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Automobile Dealers Association; is director of the Tidewater Automobile Association and of the Automobile Trade Association of Virginia; and is a member and past director of the Virginia Chevrolet Dealers Association. He is a past director of General Motors Dealers Conference (national), and a member of the Virginia State Automobile Dealers Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Of Jewish faith, Mr. Kline is a member of Ohel Sholom Temple Congregation of Norfolk. Fond of animals and especially of horses, he particularly enjoys riding around his Riverlynn Farm in Princess Anne County. There he maintains a fine stable of hunters. He is a member and former vice president of the Norfolk Horse Show Association.

On October 8, 1925, at Norfolk, Irving B. Kline married Isabelle Hofflin of that city, daughter of Marcellus and Dessa (Brandt) Hofflin. She attended Ward-Belmont College and Highland Manor College. Active in civic and community affairs, she served as a captain in the Women's Auxiliary Motor Corps of Norfolk at the time of World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Kline are the parents of two sons: 1. Richard Hofflin, born at Norfolk on November 3, 1927. He graduated from Maury High School in 1945, and in 1949 took his degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia. Since his graduation there, he has been closely associated with the management of the Kline Chevrolet Sales Corporation, being vice president and manager. His record is to be found elsewhere in these pages. On October 12, 1952, he married Sandra Pilzer, of Portsmouth, and they are the parents of a daughter, Deborah Kline. 2. James Martin, born September 9, 1930, at Norfolk. He graduated from Maury High School in 1948 and from the University of Virginia in 1952, taking his degree of Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Following his graduation he entered the United States Naval Air Corps in 1952, receiving his basic training at Pensacola, Florida. He was commissioned a pilot at Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1953. He was separated from active service in 1956, with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, and that is his present rank in the United States Naval Air Corps Reserve. Now active in the management of the Kline Chevrolet Sales Corporation, he holds the offices of vice president and secretary. He is a member of Zeta Beta Tau social fraternity, and is fond of all sports, especially horseback riding and hunting. On November 8, 1953, in Washington, D. C., James M. Kline married Norma Gewirz of that city.

RICHARD HOFFLIN KLINE, vice president and manager of the Kline Chevrolet Sales Corporation of Norfolk, is a progressive young leader, as well as a prominent figure in the city's business circles. He was born November 3, 1927, at Norfolk, son of Irving B. and Isabelle (Hofflin) Kline. His father, founder, president and treasurer of Kline Chevrolet Sales Corporation, is the subject of an accompanying sketch.

Attending the public schools of Norfolk, Richard H. Kline graduated from Maury High School

in 1945, and from the University of Virginia, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1949. Since completing his formal education he has been associated with the automobile agency which his father founded. He attended the General Motors Institute for two years, and has risen to the position of vice president and manager of his firm.

Constructively interested in local affairs, and in making a better Norfolk through unselfish service to his fellows, he has held a number of positions of trust in welfare groups. He served as vice chairman of Norfolk Brotherhood Week, and was co-chairman for the March of Dimes of the city of Norfolk. He was vice chairman of the Norfolk Sports Club's scholarship fund, and he has been active in the fund-raising campaigns of the Norfolk Community Chest, the Norfolk General Hospital Building Fund (whose efforts are bearing fruit in the erection of a four-and-a-half-million-dollar hospital addition), the Young Men's Christian Association, and Radio Free Europe, which combats communism through broadcasts beamed behind the Iron Curtain. He has participated fully in the Anti-tuberculosis Mobile Unit campaigns, the State Rodeo for Safe Drivers, and the Joy Fund and other groups of progressive aims. Active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, he formerly served on its board of directors.

He belongs to the Virginia Beach Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Lafayette Boat Club, the Fraternal Order of Police Associates, the Norfolk Sports Club, and the Hague Club. He is interested in cultural affairs, and is a member of the Community Concerts Association, which brings world-renowned performing artists to Norfolk audiences. He is also active in the Alumni Club of the University of Virginia, and is a member and past president of Pi Tau Pi fraternity. He served on the Norfolk Azalea Festival Committee, and is a member of the local Civil Defense organization. His religious affiliation is with Ohel Shalom Temple.

On October 12, 1952, Richard Hofflin Kline was married to Sandra Pilzer of Portsmouth, and they became the parents of one daughter, Deborah Kline.

JOHN ARCHIE JOHNSON—In association with his son, John Archie Johnson is proprietor of Cavalier Clothes, at 2309 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, a firm which he has built up from its predecessor organizations over the past two decades. A native of Northampton County, North Carolina, he was born on April 21, 1885, son of Thomas Goodwin and Mariah Lucrecy (Horne) Johnson. His father, who was a farmer, served

the Confederate cause for four years, was captured by Union forces, and spent a part of his military life as a prisoner at Elmira, New York. He died in 1912, in his seventy-eighth year. His wife, the former Mariah Lucrecy Horne, had died in 1898, at the age of forty-one.

John A. Johnson was reared on a farm in Northampton County near the little country village of Pendleton, North Carolina. He received his education in local public schools and for one year attended high school in Northampton County. He left the farm in June 1906, and came to Norfolk to accept a position as shipping clerk with the wholesale clothing firm of S. Frank and Son, one of the few such establishments in that line of business in the South at that time. He became assistant manager in 1920, and remained with the same firm until the spring of 1938, when he and W. H. Frank, then its owner, liquidated the company.

In the same year, Mr. Johnson organized his own clothing firm with M. W. Abbitt as a partner, beginning operations under the name of Johnson-Abbitt Company. This was a wholesale men's and boys' clothing concern. Late in the year 1949 in association with his son, John Archie Johnson, Jr., he bought Mr. Abbitt's share in the business, which at that time had its headquarters at 317 Bank Street, Norfolk. A few months later the name was changed to its present form, Cavalier Clothes. Having outgrown its original location in a congested downtown area, Mr. Johnson's organization moved into a new and more spacious building, designed for its needs, in the spring of 1954. This is at the present Hampton Boulevard address.

Cavalier Clothes is represented among the retail trade by four salesmen; and Mr. Johnson and his son also serve the organization through making such contacts. The firm's products reach the retail merchants not only throughout the Norfolk-Portsmouth area, but throughout eastern North Carolina as far as the South Carolina line, and all of southern Virginia as far west as Clarksville, Gloucester and Mathews counties, and the eastern shore as far north as Chincoteague. One salesman covers the Norfolk-Portsmouth locality; another is responsible for eastern North Carolina including the Outer Banks. John A. Johnson, Jr., takes charge of the other duties excepting the office. Its management is in charge of the capable Mrs. S. G. Akers. Although a relatively small organization of its kind, Cavalier Clothes has an excellent reputation for quality of merchandise, and distributes its products to the best retailing firms of the region. The firm stocks a complete line of men's and boys' clothing, including sportswear.

Mr. Johnson does not take an interest in fra-



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ternal organizations or clubs, although he gives loyal support to every cause for community betterment. His religious affiliation is with the First Baptist Church of Norfolk.

At Pendleton, in Northampton County, North Carolina, on December 28, 1911, John Archie Johnson married Clara Belle Stephenson, daughter of David Newsom and Lucy Goodwin (Gay) Stephenson. The couple are the parents of one son, John Archie, Jr., who was born on August 23, 1922. He graduated from Maury High School, in 1940 and after one year at the College of William and Mary, transferred to Virginia Polytechnic Institute for one year. He left his studies to enter the United States Army Air Corps, in which he served as a technician for two years. He remained in the Reserves on conclusion of his active service. Returning to his college curriculum after the war, he graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1946 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He then went to the University of Pennsylvania, where he took graduate courses and received his Master of Arts degree in 1948. Since that time he has been a partner in Cavalier Clothes. John Archie Johnson, Jr., married Betty Delia Wood of Norfolk, daughter of J. W. Wood (q. v.) and Carrie (Jones) Wood. They have two children: i. J. Archie Johnson, III, born November 18, 1951. ii. Elizabeth Anne Johnson, born November 30, 1955.

GEORGE C. WHITE—Owner and manager of Preston's Pharmacy, at 1401 Poindexter Street, South Norfolk, George C. White manages a modern and scientifically operated enterprise in the drug and sundries retailing field. He is a member and past president of the Tidewater Retail Drug Association, and widely known in pharmacists' circles throughout his region.

He was born on June 15, 1911, in the Berkley section of Norfolk, son of John Earl and Rebecca Frances (Dashiell) White. In both paternal and maternal lines, his forebears were early settlers of Norfolk. He graduated from Maury High School in 1929 and entered Virginia Military Institute, where he continued his academic studies for two years. For his professional training he entered the Medical College of the University of Virginia, at Richmond, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1933.

He began his career as a registered pharmacist with the A. Y. Masters Pharmacy at Norfolk, and was later associated with the Joseph P. Hall Pharmacy at Suffolk. In 1942 he joined Preston's Pharmacy in South Norfolk, and the following year became a partner in this long-established store, which had been founded by W. Dean Preston in

1912. In 1946 he acquired sole ownership, but has continued the business under the original name.

Long active in the Tidewater Retail Drug Association, he was its president in 1953-1954, and he is also a member of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association and the National Retail Druggists Association. He is a member and past president of the South Norfolk Better Business Club, and a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. His only business connection, besides the management of his drug store, is membership on the board of directors of the Chesapeake Building Association. He is a member of Doric Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holds the Thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and belongs to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and attends St. Bride's Episcopal Church, where he is past senior warden. He enjoys all outdoor sports, but is especially fond of football.

On June 29, 1941, at Richmond, George C. White married Rita Price Jones, daughter of Granville Price and Rebecca (Parks) Jones. Her family lived on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Her mother is deceased. Mrs. White is active in cultural and civic affairs, and is a member of the Norfolk Women's Club, Campostella Garden Club and St. Bride's Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. George C. White have two daughters: 1. Rita Joan, who took her degree of Bachelor of Arts at Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia, in 1953. She is now a teacher in Norfolk's public schools. 2. Mary Corbin, also a graduate of Mary Baldwin College where she took her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1954. She now teaches in the public schools of Richmond. She married William Thomas Johnson of that city, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and now a medical student in the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond.

HERBERT NICHOLAS ALLEN, SR.—The Peninsula's Buick dealer Nick Allen—who is much better known by that name than by the fulier one which heads this sketch—has to his credit nearly three decades of efficient and conscientious service in the automotive retailing field. His agency is located at Thirtieth Street and Huntington Avenue, Newport News. He is well known in trade circles as well as through his numerous civic and organizational connections.

Mr. Allen came to the Lower Tidewater area from Georgia, having been born in Savannah on January 2, 1895, son of Charles Judson and Annette M. (Ilderton) Allen. His father too was a native of Savannah, and became active in the insurance and real estate business in that city.

He died in 1930 and his wife, the former Annette M. Ilderton, is also deceased. She was born in Summerville, South Carolina. Completing his public school education in Savannah, Nick Allen entered military service before beginning his business career. Before World War I he served under General Pershing on the Mexican border; and he remained in service throughout World War I. Spending seventeen months overseas, he advanced to the rank of master sergeant.

In 1920, Mr. Allen joined his brother, C. Judson Allen, Jr., in the management of the Allen Tire Company in Savannah. They continued as partners in this venture until 1924. For two years thereafter he was a traveling auditor for General Motors Corporation.

Mr. Allen settled in Newport News in 1928, and that same year acquired the franchise for the sale of Buick cars in that city. He has built up one of the major automobile sales organizations on the Peninsula. His headquarters is a modern two-story brick building at Thirtieth Street and Huntington Avenue, where the spacious showrooms, executive offices, repair and service center and parts department are all located. A used car lot is situated a half-block distant, in the 2900 block. Mr. Allen has an excellent record for reliability in reconditioning used cars so that customers can purchase them with the assurance of many miles of troublefree service. When World War II practically removed new cars from the market, Mr. Allen made his sales and service headquarters available to the United States Army for use as an overseas post office. Millions of pieces of mail for military personnel abroad were processed here. When peacetime brought normal conditions, the proprietor thoroughly reconditioned the building, and it is one of the most attractive and well managed in the area. His sales volume has gone up steadily in the decade since the war. Buick has sold exceptionally well, even cutting into the large-volume levels of the low-priced cars, and Mr. Allen has won his share of this business. His agency has been known by its present name, Nick Allen Motors, Inc., since September 1937. He is president of the corporation, and his two sons, H. N. Allen, Jr., and Charles J. Allen, are associated with him in management.

Mr. Allen is a member of the Hampton-Newport News Auto Dealers Association, the Virginia State Automotive Trade Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association. He is a life member of the Automobile Old Timers. In his home city he belongs to the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the James River Country Club, and attends the Trinity Methodist Church. Agricultural In-

terests constitute an important avocation, and he owns and operates Allen's Ranch at Stuart, Florida. There, on forty-two hundred acres, he has over a thousand head of beef cattle. He is a director of the Florida Cattlemen's Association. Fond of out-of-door life generally, he hunts, fishes and plays golf.

At Atlanta, Georgia, on October 17, 1925, Herbert Nicholas Allen, Sr., married Belle Garrett of that city, daughter of James J. and Ethel (Lassiter) Garrett. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are the parents of two children: 1. Herbert Nicholas, Jr. He is married, and the father of twin sons, Herbert Nicholas, 3rd, and William Rickey, who were born in March 1956. 2. Charles Jordan, who married Miss Dorothy Mae Blanks. Both sons are in business with their father.

EDGAR CLARENCE WHITE, JR.—President and manager of E. C. White, Contractor, Inc., of Norfolk, Edgar Clarence White is one of the Lower Tidewater's younger leaders in the building field. He specializes in roadway, street and highway paving, projects involving the laying of asphalt and macadam, and municipal improvements.

He was born June 7, 1925, in Norfolk, son of the late Edgar Clarence and Hazel (Hartman) White. His father, who died at Norfolk on June 15, 1954, was a native of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and for many years was superintendent of the F. J. McGuire Paving Company in Norfolk. Following the death of Mr. McGuire in 1948, he remained active in the paving contracting business under his own name until his death. His experience in the industry extended over a period of forty years, and he was a pioneer contractor for street paving in Norfolk, where a large proportion of its more modern thoroughfares were paved under his supervision.

His son, Edgar C. White, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Norfolk, graduating from Norview High School in 1942. He continued his education by attending night classes at the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division. During World War II, he served in the United States Army Air Corps, being with the 15th Air Force as a tail gunner on a B-24. His unit was based in Italy. At the time of separation from the service in 1945, he held the rank of staff sergeant.

He began his career in the paving contracting field in association with the McGuire Paving Company, and later worked in partnership with his father. In 1954, the firm of E. C. White, Contractor, Inc., of Norfolk, was formed, and incorporated with Edgar C. White, Jr., as its president and treasurer, and William S. White, a brother, as



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vice president and secretary. The firm is extensively engaged in street and highway paving projects throughout the Tidewater area. Few construction firms in this region can report as steady growth in the volume of its contracting business as E. C. White, Contractor, Inc. It holds organizational membership in the Virginia Road Builders Association, the Virginia Asphalt Association, the American Road Builders Association and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. White is a member of the Hampton Roads Post of the American Society of Military Engineers, the Cavalier Beach Club, Lafayette Yacht Club and the First Lutheran Church of Norfolk.

In September 1948, Edgar Clarence White, Jr., married Elizabeth Sclater of Richmond, daughter of William P. and Anne (Perkins) Sclater. She is a member of the First Lutheran Church and the Larrimore Acres Garden Club.

JESSE JACKSON McCLOUD is the founder and owner of McCloud Building Supplies Company, at 4435 Bainbridge Boulevard, South Norfolk.

Born October 30, 1910, in South Norfolk, he is a son of Jesse Harrison and the late Bessie (Campbell) McCloud. In the paternal line he is descended from early settlers in Norfolk County. The immigrant forebear, Daniel McCloud, was born in 1710 in Scotland, and records show that he lived on Catherine Street in Norfolk before the end of the colonial period. His son John McCloud was among the early shipbuilders of Norfolk, where he spent his entire life. The son of this shipbuilder was also named John McCloud, and he served in the United States Navy as a boatswain's mate at the time of the naval warfare with Tripoli, 1801-1805, and again during the War of 1812, aboard the U. S. S. "Wasp" and the U. S. S. "Independence." Colonel John B. McCloud, his son, was born in Norfolk in 1812, and died in 1865. He was elected to the United States Congress in 1862, but never served. His son was John Allan McCloud, who was born in 1832 and died in Norfolk County in 1908. Jesse McCloud, son of John Allan, was born on July 2, 1866, and lived his entire life in Norfolk County, where he died on October 1, 1952. He was a blacksmith in the Scufflin Town section of Norfolk County, and married Annie Jackson Gibson, who was born at Portlock, daughter of Peter Harrison and Virginia Frances (Buxton) Gibson. Peter H. Gibson was born in Camden County, North Carolina, in 1819, and died at Portlock in 1896; while his wife was born in 1836, and died in 1893, also at Portlock. Jesse Harrison McCloud, father of the subject of this sketch, was a son of Jesse and Annie Jackson (Gibson) Mc-

Cloud. Born January 7, 1888, in Norfolk County, he has for many years been engaged in the lumber manufacturing business, and since 1935 has owned and operated the J. H. McCloud Lumber Company on Bainbridge Boulevard. On December 6, 1906, he married Bessie Campbell, also of Norfolk County and daughter of Jacob Decatur and Martha Adelia (McDaniel) Campbell. She was born at Columbus, Ohio, on July 1, 1886, and died at South Norfolk on October 28, 1953. On April 17, 1956, Jesse H. McCloud married, second, Emma Jane (Gardner) Bowman of Lynchburg, Virginia.

The second of his parents' six children, Jesse Jackson McCloud attended the public elementary schools and Portlock High School, and beginning his business career at the time of the depression of the early 1930s, worked at various jobs. He finally secured a more permanent position as an employee of the Ford Motor Company plant at Norfolk. During the thirteen years he worked there, he was laying the foundation for his own business enterprise by arranging for the purchase of a site on Bainbridge Boulevard, on terms of five dollars down and five dollars per month until title was secured. This became the site of his present business, McCloud Building Supplies Company, which he founded on July 17, 1945. From a very modest beginning, it has expanded into one of the most complete supplies firms of the region. In 1951, Mr. McCloud erected the modern building which now houses the firm. He has entered the manufacturing field, as producer of the Malta window units, assembled in all sizes, which have won a wide sale through both wholesale and retail outlets. A man of mechanical talents, he has himself developed an efficient airtight window unit which is also in popular demand.

His leadership in business made Mr. McCloud a logical candidate for membership on the city council, to which he was elected in June 1953. Taking office in September of that year for a four-year term, he has served two years as vice mayor, and has taken a prominent part in the formulation of policies leading to a more progressive and efficient municipal government. He is also a member of the South Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, on the board of directors of the Better Business Bureau, and a member of the Retail Merchants Association of South Norfolk and the Virginia Building Material Dealers Association.

Eight years ago, Mr. McCloud launched a second business venture. Entering the building field, he erected a number of homes in South Norfolk, and his activities in this field resulted in the founding of the Bainbridge Construction Company, Inc., in 1955. He is head of this firm.

Mr. McCloud is a member of Lodge No. 464 of

the Loyal Order of Moose in South Norfolk, and he attends the Rosemont Congregational Christian Church in that city. He formerly served as treasurer of its John Morrison Bible Class.

At South Mills, North Carolina, on November 22, 1930, Jesse J. McCloud married Mildred Leigh Bagley of South Norfolk, daughter of James C. and Corrine (White) Bagley. Mr. and Mrs. McCloud are the parents of three children: 1. Marjorie Millicent. She attended Lynchburg College, and is married to James J. Anderson of Avon, Virginia, a graduate of the University of Virginia with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. Mr. Anderson is now working toward his doctor's degree in chemistry at the University of Virginia. The couple are the parents of a daughter, Janie Anderson. 2. Mary Lou, who married Robert V. White of South Norfolk. Mr. White is associated with the McCloud Building Supplies Company. 3. Jacqueline Leigh, attending elementary school in South Norfolk.

LEO PECCI BLAIR—The legal profession has always attracted to its ranks a class of men gifted with keen perception and a logical turn of mind, well fitted to cope with the intricate problems which the practice of law presents. Such a man is Leo P. Blair successful attorney practicing at Portsmouth.

A native of that city, he was born on July 19, 1903, son of Samuel Edward and Mary (McDonough) Blair. Both of his parents are now deceased. His father was a locomotive engineer with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad. Leo P. Blair received his early education in Portsmouth, and graduated from St. Paul's Academy there in the Class of 1918. He continued his education at Old Point Comfort College, near Phoebus, and later at Leonardtown Preparatory School, Leonardtown, Maryland. He majored in law at the University of Richmond and George Washington University, where he took summer courses.

In 1924 Mr. Blair passed the Virginia State Bar examination and in that year entered the general practice of law at Portsmouth, in association with his brother, J. Allen Blair. They formed the law firm of Blair and Blair, a professional association which continued until 1930. Since that time, Leo P. Blair has continued in individual practice, with offices in the New Kirm Building.

As a lawyer, he is a member of the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association, and has served as its president. He is also a member of the Virginia State Bar Association. In his own community he belongs to the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, Lodge No. 82 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and St. Paul's Roman Catho-

lic Church. During World War II he served as a member of the Portsmouth Selective Service System.

On November 7, 1941, in Portsmouth, Leo P. Blair married Mary Elizabeth Davis of Portsmouth. They are the parents of one daughter: Mary Pat, born October 23, 1948. The family reside at East Ocean View, Princess Anne County.

R. LEE BONNEY—As president of Bonney Motor Express, Inc., R. Lee Bonney heads a large organization, centered at Norfolk, which plays a vital role in linking this with other vital commercial areas, by means of its large fleet of trucks. The firm, which traces its beginnings from the mid-1930s, has eighty-five refrigerator trailer trucks, which ply the highways throughout a territory extending up and down the East Coast from New York to Florida and as far west as Chicago and Kansas City. The building of such an organization represents a most useful achievement as far as the Norfolk area is concerned and is a tribute to Mr. Bonney's executive abilities and foresight.

Born at London Bridge, near Virginia Beach, on September 26, 1909, Mr. Bonney is a son of Solon Ackis and Cora (Flanagan) Bonney. Both parents were natives of Princess Anne County, and Solon Bonney engaged in farming on acreage in that county all his life. He died in 1941 at the age of eighty-three. Mrs. Bonney died in 1929 in her fifty-sixth year. Receiving his education in local public schools, R. Lee Bonney graduated from Oceana High School in 1926 and then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg. There he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in business administration in 1930.

He began his career as a public accountant and later became a salesman, an occupation which he followed for three months. He then returned to his father's farm and worked there for one year. While there, he used his father's truck to transfer vegetables between this area and Baltimore and New York and on this basis engaged in extensive buying and selling. After two years he added another truck and in 1935 started hauling fruit and produce, including such varied crops as peanuts, on a contract basis, between Florida and Boston, Massachusetts. The fact that this modest enterprise has grown into one of the largest and most extensive privately operated trucking services in the East must be attributed in large measure to Mr. Bonney's leadership abilities. He plowed profits back into the organization, continuing to purchase trucks, and used only the most modern equipment, represented by his present fleet of eighty-five refrigerated trailers, which serve an ever-larger area of the country. The states of



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Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Kentucky are reached by this network of routes. From the beginning, Mr. Bonney has shipped fresh fruits and vegetables and dairy products, successfully controlling that element which is the bugbear of the industry—spoilage. His cargoes include such other products as peanuts and candy, meats, canned goods, frozen foods, and sea foods. He employs well over one hundred people. In addition to the headquarters on Military Highway near Norfolk, Bonney Motor Express, Inc., has branch offices at Suffolk; Philadelphia; Kansas City, Missouri; Chicago; Omaha, Nebraska; and Albany, Georgia. The present home offices were built in 1953. Besides Mr. Bonney as president, executives of the corporation are J. A. Colenda, vice president; Joseph A. Daniel, Jr., treasurer; and Kline W. Smith, secretary. The firm operates a complete service plant for maintaining and repairing trucks.

Mr. Bonney is a member of the Norfolk Sports Club, Princess Anne Country Club, and Cavalier Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master. He is also a member of Corinthian Lodge at Norfolk, and he is a member of the higher bodies of the order, holding the Thirty-second degree and belonging to Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He and his family attend Virginia Beach Methodist Church. Mr. Bonney is a Democrat in his politics. His favorite sport is golf.

On May 21, 1933, R. Lee Bonney married Mary Thelma Spear, daughter of Charles Melvin and Celia Spear, and a native of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. They are the parents of two children: 1. Robert Lee, Jr., born March 27, 1934. He graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk and served three years in the United States Army, holding the rank of sergeant. He is now a student at William and Mary College in Norfolk and resides at 502 Kenoshe Avenue with his wife, the former Joan Stewart of Norfolk. 2. Wayne Arthur, born September 4, 1937. He graduated from Virginia Episcopal High School in Lynchburg and is now a student at the University of Virginia. The Bonney family resides at 110 Sixty-fifth Street, Virginia Beach.

WALTER JAMES WILKINS—As president of the Norfolk Motor Company, Incorporated, Walter James Wilkins heads the city's Cadillac and Oldsmobile sales and service center at 1500 Monticello Avenue. An able exponent of the spirit of his age, he has worked consistently for a better automotive retailing system. At an early age he

displayed an ability to make use of all he had learned, and this helps to explain his later success. He owns and directs one of the finest and most modern agencies anywhere. It is in a true sense his own creation, the result of the combination of courage, fidelity to high standards, and imagination, plus many years' practical experience in various phases of the industry.

Born June 14, 1897, Mr. Wilkins is a native of Delmar, Delaware, which takes its name from the fact that it is situated on the Delaware-Maryland state line. He is a son of the late Virgil Poole and Laura Catherine (Nichols) Wilkins, both of whom were descended from prominent families of the Eastern Shore of these two states. Virgil Poole Wilkins was born at Salisbury, Maryland, son of Levi James Wilkins, Sr. Both were planters of Wicomico County, Maryland. Virgil P. Wilkins was engaged in the lumber manufacturing industry, operating sawmills in the Eastern Shore district. In 1907 he moved the seat of his operations to Spring Hope, North Carolina, returning to Salisbury in 1916. He died at Salisbury in 1951, and had for many years been active in Grace Methodist Church in that city, serving as a steward and as the teacher of the Adult Bible Class for over twenty years. His wife, the former Laura Catherine Nichols, who died in 1941, was a descendant of families settled there since colonial times, and holding original land grants in the vicinity of Delmar, Delaware. The Nichols descendants have continued their family ties through the years, and today Walter J. Wilkins heads this family's reunion organization, which arranges annual meetings.

The second of four children, he received his early education in Maryland and graduated from Spring Hope High School in North Carolina in 1915. He then entered Elon College in that state and attended for two years. Too young to be drafted for World War I, he left college to help in the war effort and interests, first in Hopewell, Virginia, and later at the du Pont's Old Hickory Plant at Nashville, Tennessee, where he took special courses at Vanderbilt University, remaining there until January 1919.

On several trips which he made through Norfolk, he was impressed by the seacoast town, and its possibilities. Locating there early in 1919, he entered the employ of the Naval Operating Base, was placed in charge of its transportation supply depot, and continued in that position for about a year and a half. It was at that time that the growing automobile industry attracted him, and his first experience was in the sales and service departments of the Buick agency in Norfolk.

With a good business background and a natural mechanical talent, Mr. Wilkins laid the founda-

tion for an automobile dealership of his own. He organized his own company on January 5, 1935. The first agency he headed was located in Portsmouth, and was known as Wilkins Motor Company, Incorporated, where he sold and serviced Oldsmobiles and Cadillacs at 1300 High Street. He continued as its president and manager until June 30, 1938, when he acquired the Norfolk Motor Company, Incorporated. This Cadillac and Oldsmobile dealership had been established in 1932. It was then, and has remained, the sales and service center for these two quality cars in Norfolk, and the Cadillac distributorship covers the territory of eastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia, as well. Mr. Wilkins had his first location at 905 Granby Street but as increasing business necessitated expansion, he acquired extensive properties between 14th and 15th streets on Monticello Avenue, and has gradually moved the seat of his operations to the new address. Since 1947, the firm's used-car department has been centered there, and in 1951 the body shop and lubrication plant was erected on the property. In 1955-1956, a new sales and service building was erected on the Monticello Avenue property, and was formally opened in the fall of 1956. It is recognized as one of the most modern and completely equipped dealerships in the United States; but while keeping completely up-to-date, Mr. Wilkins follows a tradition of friendly service and techniques inculcated by long experience. He has one hundred and sixty-three employees, including department heads, salesmen and factory trained mechanics, who have studied at General Motors Automotive Institute; each a specialist in his own field. As president, Mr. Wilkins is in charge of overall operations. His three sons all joined the organization after World War II service, and two are still with him in executive capacities, as indicated later.

A member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Automobile Dealers Association, Walter J. Wilkins formerly served as its president. He is a member and a past regional vice president and director of the National Automobile Dealers Association. An organizer of the Automotive Trade Association of Virginia, he served as its president from 1943 to 1948. Under his leadership this organization effected the enactment of the licensing law for new and used car dealers. He has served on the Oldsmobile Factory Dealers' Council and has spoken before State Dealer conventions across the country. In his own city, he belongs to the Kiwanis Club, is a past president of the Portsmouth Kiwanis Club and a past lieutenant-governor of the Capital District of Kiwanis International and has served as an International Committee-man. He is a member of the Norfolk Chamber

of Commerce, serves on the board of directors of the Leigh Memorial Hospital, and is a member of the board of trustees of Elon College, also serving in administering the College Foundation Fund. In 1952, he was elected as the outstanding Alumnus of the College. He has served two terms as a member of the Virginia Advisory Committee on Aviation and is currently serving as vice chairman of this committee.

He is a member and deacon of Freemason Street Baptist Church and serves as chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the church. He is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.

For many years a golf enthusiast, today his favorite pastime is deep-sea fishing, and his yacht, "Jon Lee, II," built under his supervision, takes him and his friends on frequent trips to the waters off the Florida Coast, the Bahamas and Cape Hatteras. In 1953 he personally supervised and financed the construction of fishing piers, restaurant and facilities for the benefit of fishing enthusiasts at Cape Hatteras.

In 1918, at Bristol, Tennessee, Walter J. Wilkins married, as his first wife, Annie R. Ross of that city. They became parents of four children: 1. Walter James, Jr. (died in childhood). 2. William Poole, born December 18, 1920. He attended Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia, and graduated from Wilson High School at Portsmouth in 1939. His advanced studies were interrupted by service in World War II. He entered the United States Army in February 1942, and served with the Supply Corps attached to the Eighth Army Air Force in England, and later attached to the Second Armored Division in Europe. He resumed his studies after the war, and in 1949 graduated from Elon College with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Since that time he has been associated with the Norfolk Motor Company, Incorporated, and is now a vice president and general manager. He has served as general chairman of the March of Dimes Campaign and is immediate past president of Norfolk-Portsmouth Alumni Association of Elon College. He served as the first president of the Suburban Kiwanis Club. On July 18, 1952, William Poole Wilkins married Billie Lea Dickerson of Greensboro, North Carolina. 3. James Douglas, who was born on October 24, 1923. He attended Hargrave Military School and graduated from Granby High School in 1941 and the following year entered the United States Army Air Corps and served as a staff sergeant with the 375th Troop Carrier Group, 58th Squadron, in the Pacific. Following the war he entered the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, and graduated in 1949 with a de-



Jack Williams

gree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He has since been with the Norfolk Motor Company, Incorporated, and is a vice president and assistant general manager. 4. Jack Ross, who was born on January 20, 1924. He is the subject of an accompanying sketch.

On June 2, 1937, at Norfolk, Walter James Wilkins married Amelia Sue Jones, daughter of Lucie Belle (Pool) Jones, and the late Herbert Leach Jones, both of whom were descended from families who figure prominently in the early history of North Carolina and Virginia. By this second marriage, Mr. Wilkins is the father of two children: 5. Walter J., Jr., born November 19, 1945. 6. Herbert Lee, born May 19, 1948. Both of these children are attending Norfolk Academy.

JACK ROSS WILKINS—A prominent representative of the younger generation of progressive business men of Norfolk, Jack Ross Wilkins is a member of a family well known in automobile sales, and is now president and manager of Wilkins Chevrolet, Inc., the city's newest sales and service organization.

He was born at Norfolk on January 20, 1924, the youngest son of Walter James and Annie R. (Ross) Wilkins. His father, subject of a biographical sketch in this history, is president of Norfolk Motor Company, Inc., and his brothers are also executives of that firm. Attending local schools, Jack Ross Wilkins graduated from Maury High School in 1943, then enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps for service in World War II. Assigned to the Eighth Air Force, based in England, he is a veteran of thirty-one missions over Germany as a tail-gunner on a B-24 Bomber. With the end of the war and his return to civilian status, he continued his education at the College of William and Mary for one year, and at Miami University in Florida for one year.

For a brief period he was engaged in the insurance business in Miami, and from October 1947, to January 1, 1956, was associated with the Norfolk Motor Company, Inc., becoming vice president and manager. In January 1956, he organized the Wilkins Chevrolet, Inc., of Norfolk, and as its president and manager, has already made a favorable impression in sales circles and among Norfolk's citizens. He capably keeps pace with the demands of retailing and servicing a best-selling car, and has won respect for his qualities of vision, perseverance and enterprise. He is a young man with a splendid background of experience in the automobile sales and service field. Presently located at 6940 Military Highway, Wilkins Chevrolet has already laid plans to expand its modern facilities. In addition to Mr. Wilkins as president and manager its management staff

includes Mrs. Gladys Webber, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Wilkins is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Automobile Dealers Association, the Virginia State Automobile Dealers Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association. His keen interest in the automotive industry, and his determination to build an outstanding organization, have left him little time for outside interests, but he is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and attends the Ghent Methodist Church.

At Miami, Florida, on October 25, 1947, Jack Ross Wilkins married Alma Annette Ewing of Hialeah. They are the parents of two children: 1. Kathleen Drue, born November 20, 1948. 2. Walter James, II, born December 28, 1952.

J. ARTHUR HODGES—Norfolk County's sheriff, J. Arthur Hodges, is well qualified for his position by experience and qualities of leadership, gained in the course of many years in public service. He has performed the duties of his office in a conscientious, fearless, and efficient manner. His abilities, singleness of purpose, devotion to the cause of justice, and constant vigil against organized crime and vice have brought him wide recognition. He has a thorough understanding of the everyday problems of law enforcement in Virginia's most populous county and has been particularly effective, working in cooperation with the commonwealth's attorney's office, in stamping out illicit night club and gambling operations. The vice squad working under him has helped create a better, cleaner, and more law-abiding county.

A native of Norfolk County, Sheriff Hodges was born in the historic Great Bridge community on September 17, 1902, son of John Wesley and Edith (Gordon) Hodges. His father was a farmer in that community, where the family has lived since 1727. The Hodges home farm, still in the possession of the family, was originally a land grant from King George II of England.

Sheriff Hodges was reared on this home farm and graduated from Great Bridge High School in 1919. The early years of his career were devoted to farming, and he retains his love for the soil and for the independence and healthful environment of the farm. In 1938 he began his law enforcement work, being appointed to the Norfolk County police force. He served until April 4, 1944, when he was appointed sheriff of Norfolk County by the late Judge A. B. Carney. He has been retained in office by popular vote in succeeding elections. The scope of his duties has increased greatly in consequence of the tremendous growth in the population of Norfolk County

during World War II, which continued to have its effect in the postwar years.

Sheriff Hodges is a member of the Virginia State Sheriffs' and City Sergeants' Association, which he served as president in 1955. He is also a member of the National Sheriffs' Association, the National Jail Association, and the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Police Association. As a member of the Norfolk County Police Relief Association, he has served as its president. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Great Bridge Lodge No. 257, and also belongs to Lodge No. 898, Loyal Order of Moose, and the Great Bridge Ruritan Club. His church affiliation is also in his native community of Great Bridge, since he retains membership in the Oak Grove Methodist Church there.

It was at Great Bridge, on September 3, 1921, that J. Arthur Hodges married Lelia Old of that town. She is a daughter of Nathaniel Warden and Alice (Grimes) Old. Sheriff and Mrs. Hodges are the parents of two children: i. Herman Leon, born June 3, 1925. He graduated from Great Bridge High School in 1942 and from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, in 1950. In the meantime he had served in World War II, holding the rank of sergeant in the United States Army Air Corps. He was separated from active service at Langley Field in 1947. He is now a Certified Public Accountant at Virginia Beach. He married Nancy Agee, and they are the parents of two children i. Kathy Lee. ii. John Lawrence. 2. William Howard, born on April 18, 1929. He graduated from Great Bridge High School in 1946, attended Randolph-Macon Academy, and in 1951 took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Randolph-Macon College. He then enlisted in the United States Coast Guard, in which he served two years as a seaman with the Intelligence Department. He was separated from active duty on July 30, 1953. Resuming his studies, he prepared for the law, and received his degree of Bachelor of Laws at Washington and Lee University in 1956. He is now associated with the law firm of Kellam and Kellam of Norfolk. William H. Hodges married Anne Harding of that city, and they are the parents of a daughter, Susan.

Sheriff and Mrs. Hodges make their home at Great Bridge, and his offices are in the County Jail Building in Portsmouth.

MARSHALL ANDREWS—During his thirty-odd years of law practice, Marshall Andrews has made Suffolk the center of his professional activities, and he has also held office in positions of public trust and in corporate connections. The list of his professional and civic connections is long.

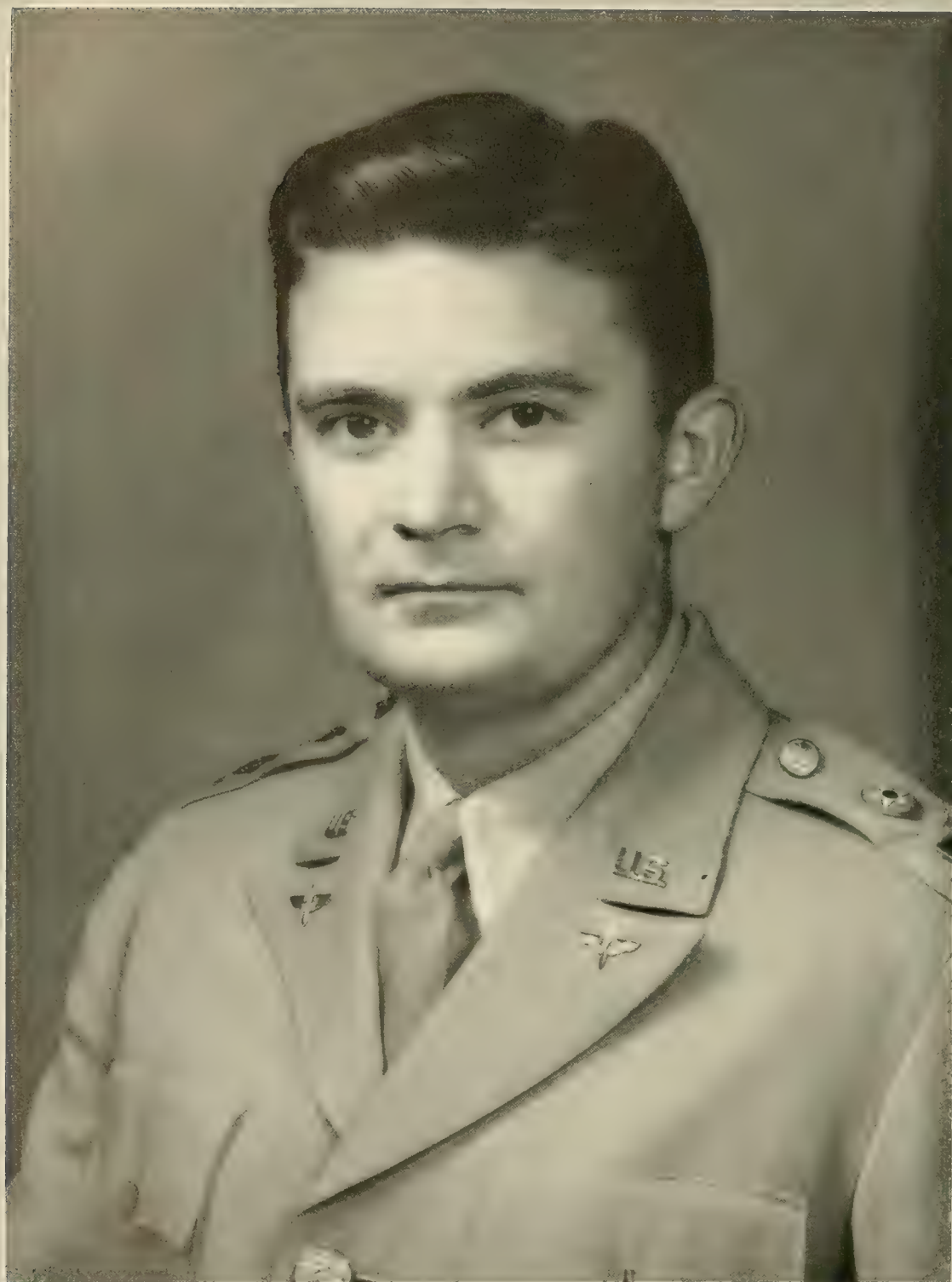
and he has played a useful role in the life of his community.

Born at Windsor, Virginia, on January 27, 1899, he is a son of William Henry and Janie (Marshall) Andrews. Both parents were born in Isle of Wight County, and both are now deceased. Beginning his education in the public schools of Suffolk, where his family moved in his early years, Marshall Andrews graduated from Suffolk High School in 1916. He then entered the University of Virginia, where he established an exceptional scholastic record; for despite the interruption of six months' military service in World War I, he completed requirements for his degree of Bachelor of Arts there in three years, receiving the degree in 1919. His wartime service was with the Coast Artillery Corps, in which he held the rank of second lieutenant. Mr. Andrews remained at the University of Virginia after receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree, studying at the Law School and graduating there in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He served on the editorial boards of the "Virginia Law Review" and "College Topics," and was a student instructor in law.

Admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia in 1923, he began practice in Suffolk, and has continued there since, with a general practice under his own name. His offices are in the National Bank of Suffolk Building. He has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court of Virginia, and the Circuit Court of Appeals.

From 1924 to 1942, Mr. Andrews capably filled the public post of referee in bankruptcy for the Eastern District of Virginia. He has served the interests of various business corporations in the course of his professional life, and is a director of the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Storage Corporation. His leadership has been particularly conspicuous in bar groups. He is a past president of the Suffolk Bar Association, and past vice president of the Virginia State Bar Association. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the American Law Institute, the Order of the Coif and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa national scholastic honor society, and the Raven Society of the University of Virginia.

Affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Andrews is a member of Suffolk Lodge, the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Rotarian and a member of the Suffolk Post of the American Legion, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Commonwealth Club of Richmond and the Princess Anne Country Club of Virginia Beach. In practical agriculture, Mr. Andrews has found



N. Starr Seaton, Jr.

a profitable avocation. He and his brother, Thomas C. Andrews, who is associated with him in law practice, own and operate historic Cherry Grove Farm in Nansemond County. History, incidentally, is another of Mr. Andrews' major interests. He is also fond of athletics. He attends the Congregational Christian Church in his home city, and serves on its board of trustees.

At Edenton, North Carolina, on December 4, 1954, Marshall Andrews married Elizabeth Bonner Elliott of that city, daughter of Thomas W. and Nina (Brown) Elliott.

NORMAN STARR BEATON, Jr.—Early in his career, Norman Starr Beaton, Jr., joined an affiliate of the General Motors organization; and several years after his return from wartime service as an Air Force officer, he began selling the corporation's products at Franklin. He is owner of Starr Beaton Chevrolet, Inc.

A native of Boykins, Southampton County, Virginia, he was born on December 18, 1914, son of Norman Starr, Sr., and Martha (Bradshaw) Beaton. His father, who was also born at Boykins, has been for some years superintendent of the Mosquito Control Commission at Warwick City. He is deeply interested in local history, and is the author of a history of Boykins, which was published in 1955. His wife, the former Martha Bradshaw, is also still living. Attending Boykins public schools, the younger Norman Starr Beaton graduated from high school there in 1931. Later, after working for some years, he took Economics courses at the University of Virginia, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce, which he received upon graduation in 1940.

After completing his college studies, Mr. Beaton began his career with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, the automobile manufacturer's credit agency. He remained with the firm for one year, prior to the time he entered military service.

He enlisted in June 1941, and received his commission as a second lieutenant in 1942 after completing courses at Officer Candidate School. During World War II he served in Headquarters, Army Air Force, Washington, D. C., and in the Pacific Theater on Okinawa and the Philippine Islands. He remained in service until May 1946, and now holds a lieutenant colonel's commission in the Air Force Reserve.

After the war he rejoined General Motors Acceptance Corporation, but after a year left to enter the automobile sales field. He first joined Robert Murphy, Chevrolet dealer in Westmoreland County, Virginia, as his general manager. He remained until 1954, when his initiative and

his experience in the business prompted him to enter the sales field in his own name. He first purchased a Chevrolet dealership in Buchanan, Virginia, and this he operated for one year before moving to Franklin. There he acquired the B. B. H. Motor Company, and having the franchise for the sale of Chevrolets in that city, began operations as Starr Beaton Chevrolet, Inc. He has managed a successful business, attracting his share of the trade in a market which has consistently favored his car as a top-selling product; and his efficiency in commercial matters, coupled with a high standard of ethical dealings, has won him the confidence of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Beaton is a member of the Cypress Cove Country Club at Franklin, and his fraternity is Alpha Kappa Psi. He is a communicant of the Methodist Church. In his political views he is an independent.

In the chapel at Fort Myer, Virginia, on May 16, 1943, Norman Starr Beaton, Jr., married Jean Breyfogle, a native of Kansas and daughter of Lewis W. and Ellen (Ahlers) Breyfogle. Mr. and Mrs. Beaton have three children: 1. Bruce Wynne, born May 3, 1946. 2. Ann Laurie, who was born on December 27, 1948. 3. Norman Starr, 3rd, born January 19, 1953.

RUSSELL B. HOGSHIRE—President of Hogshire Tent and Awning Manufacturing Company, Russell B. Hogshire heads a successful organization which has been on the Norfolk scene since prior to the turn of the century. The firm produces Hastings Alumi-Awnings, and also supplies venetian blinds and canvas goods products. It had its beginning in 1898 when Russell B. Hogshire's father, Edward Hogshire, who had learned the trade of sailmaking, turned his skills to supplying the land-based and domestic market. He founded the firm and operated it under its present name until his death in 1932, at the age of sixty-three. His wife was the former Miss Mattie M. Blake, a native of Bena in Gloucester County, Virginia. She survives her husband, and makes her home in his native city of Norfolk.

After receiving his education in the public schools of Norfolk, where he was born on November 30, 1903, Russell B. Hogshire joined his father in the operation of the tent and awning manufacturing firm. When the elder man died, he was well qualified to assume management of an organization which was steadily growing. Its products are now distributed over a large part of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, and Tennessee. Tents and awnings are also shipped to the New York and New Jersey markets. The company has produced awnings in a variety of styles, for

house trailers as well as homes, and also manufactures every type of tent, truck tarpaulins, marine canvas, and ship sails of the type which the founder, Edward Hogshire, learned to make early in his career. The line has been extended to include venetian blinds.

Although represented by only one man on the road, the Hogshire Tent and Awning Manufacturing Company employs twenty-five people, chiefly in its production processes. The plant on Hampton Boulevard has seventeen thousand square feet of floor space under its roof.

Besides this major business interest, Mr. Hogshire is part owner of the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Line, operating steamships and trucks. Sailing is his hobby, and he maintains a sailboat, which is also useful to him in his second outdoor pastime, fishing. He is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Sales Executives Club, Circus Saints and Sinners, the Cosmopolitan Club and the lodge of the Knights of Pythias. A communicant of the Episcopal Church, St. Andrew's, he serves on its vestry. He is a Democrat in his politics.

On October 24, 1931, Russell B. Hogshire married Margaret Johnston, daughter of W. C. and Cora (Brooks) Johnston. Her mother was born in Williamsburg and her father at Franklin Furnace, Ohio. He was a newspaperman, and at one time published a Williamsburg paper and the Suffolk "News-Herald." At the time of his death in 1948, at the age of seventy-eight, he was still active in the profession of journalism, being on the staff of the "Peanut Journal." Mr. and Mrs. Hogshire are the parents of two children: 1. Russell Beverly, who was born on September 22, 1932. He is a salesman with the Hogshire Tent and Awning Manufacturing Company, Inc. He graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk in 1951, and from Virginia Military Institute, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, in 1955. On February 5, 1956, Russell B. Hogshire, Jr., married Evelyn Nichols. 2. Edward Lee, born April 14, 1943. Mr. and Mrs. Hogshire make their home at 6151 Powhatan Avenue, Norfolk. She is active in the King's Daughters and the Garden Club, and is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

MELCHOR FAMILY—The name of Melchor has been associated with the Pepsi-Cola bottling interests from the early days of the manufacture of that beverage. In 1903 Burton DeBerry Melchor, Sr., entered the business at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and he is now the second oldest living Pepsi-Cola bottler and distributor in the United States. It was in 1907 that he first came to Nor-

folk to attend the Jamestown Exposition, and the visit convinced him of the city's possibilities. He continued his operation at Winston-Salem, however, until 1913, when he acquired a bottling franchise and plant at Norfolk. This became the foundation of the extensive operations in the Tidewater area today—one of the largest distributors in Virginia.

This firm has its main plants at 25th Street and DeBree Avenue, Norfolk; 910 "G" Street, Hampton, and warehouse at Suffolk. A new plant is now in its formative state at Portsmouth. The plants serve Tidewater Virginia.

Throughout the years since that time, the elder Mr. Melchor had continued as president of the firm, and, as his two sons, Bruce Errington and Burton DeBerry, Jr., grew to manhood, they became associated with their father in the management of the business; Bruce Errington Melchor is vice president and Burton DeBerry Melchor, Jr., is vice president and treasurer of the firm.

In its various operations, the company today has one hundred and sixty employees on its payroll. It utilizes the most modern equipment available in the bottling and distribution of one of America's most popular beverages. When operations began at Norfolk, an output of about twenty-four bottles per minute was maintained. Today the firm's machinery has a capacity of six hundred and fifty bottles per minute.

Burton DeBerry Melchor, Sr., president of Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Norfolk, was born July 21, 1879, in Cabarrus County, North Carolina, son of William Gibson and Sophia (Dry) Melchor. He became interested in the production of Pepsi-Cola when he was twenty-four years old, and has devoted his career to the manufacture and distribution of the beverage. He has turned over most of the management responsibilities at Norfolk to his two sons, but is still active in an advisory capacity. He is a charter member of the Norfolk Lions Club. For many years he has been active in the Virginia Bottlers' Association and was its president in 1918. He has a second business, Melchor, Inc., a real estate and investment firm. He is a communicant of the First Lutheran Church of Norfolk.

Burton DeBerry Melchor, Sr., married Ida Belle Shoaf of Davidson County, North Carolina; she died February 19, 1956. They became the parents of three children: 1. Bruce Errington, born November 9, 1901, at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He attended the public schools of Norfolk and attended Maury High School. He then attended the Shenandoah Valley Military Academy at Winchester, at the end of which time he began his association with his father. Besides his duties as vice president of these firms he is active in civic and



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community affairs, being a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Cosmopolitan Club of Norfolk, and the Norfolk Bottlers' Association which he serves as a director. He is affiliated with Atlantic Lodge No. 10, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the higher bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Twenty-first Street Business Area Association. He has served for many years on the council of the First Lutheran Church of Norfolk. Bruce E. Melchor married Miss Mary Christine Rogers, and they are the parents of three children. Bruce Errington, Jr. married Patricia Boyd and has two sons, Bruce E., III, and Robert Boyd Melchor. Bruce E. Melchor also has a daughter, Peggy Lee, and a son James Rogers.

2. Burton DeBerry Melchor, Jr., was born July 17, 1903, at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The family moved to Norfolk permanently when he was ten years old. He attended the public schools of Norfolk. For two years, he attended the Banking and Business School of Norfolk. Like his brother, he had spent his summer vacations working at the bottling plant, and in 1924 entered the business on a full time basis. He gained experience in various phases of its operations and in 1947 assumed his present duties as vice president and treasurer, holding the same offices in Melchor's, Inc.

Mr. Melchor served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1942 to 1946. From 1949 to 1954 he was a member and vice chairman of the Norfolk School Board, and in the year 1956, he concluded a four-year term on the Norfolk Recreation Commission. He has served since 1954 on the Norfolk Citizens Safety Council of the Department of Public Safety, and was elected its vice president in 1956. He is a director of the Tidewater Better Business Bureau, the Twenty-first Street Business Area Association, the Civic Affairs Committee of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and the Norfolk Central Young Men's Christian Association. He is also a director of the Izaak Walton League, a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Virginia Club, the Princess Anne Country Club and the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club. He also holds membership in the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk, Norfolk Executives Club, Norfolk Sports Club and the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. His Masonic Blue Lodge affiliation is Ruth Lodge No. 89, and he is a member of the higher bodies of the order and of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles

of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the First Lutheran Church of Norfolk.

Widely known in beverage bottling and distribution circles, Burton DeBerry Melchor, Jr., is a member of the Virginia Bottlers Association and was its president in 1949. In the National Bottlers Association he is currently serving as membership chairman.

On February 19, 1927, Burton DeBerry Melchor, Jr., married Miss Margaret Wood, daughter of Captain Joseph D. and Ada Estelle (Burnell) Wood of Norfolk. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Margaret Jo, born February 20, 1930. She married John Homer Hackney, Jr., of Norfolk on February 9, 1951, and they are the parents of two children: Dee Hackney and John Homer, III. 2. Burton DeBerry, III, who was born August 19, 1939, is now a student at Fishburn Military Academy.

The third and youngest child of Burton DeBerry, Sr., and Ida Belle (Shoaf) Melchor, is a daughter, Edythe Christanthia, who was born August 14, 1905, at Winston-Salem. She married, first, Leonard Mitchell of Norfolk and they had a son, Leonard William, Jr., now in charge of the Hampton plant of Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Norfolk. Edythe married, second, Dr. James Scott Landis of Norfolk.

JOSHUA PRETLOW DARDEN, head of Colonial Chevrolet Corporation and formerly mayor of Norfolk, was born in Franklin, Virginia, on October 20, 1903, son of Colgate W. and Katherine (Pretlow) Darden. His father, a native of Mapleton, North Carolina, was a farmer and banker, who served as president of the Merchants and Farmers Bank at Franklin. He died in 1946, at the age of seventy-six. Mrs. Darden, who was also born in Southampton County, died in 1936, at the age of sixty-three.

Receiving his early education in the public schools of Franklin, Mr. Darden graduated from high school there in 1922, then attended the University of Virginia, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Science in 1926. In 1930, he founded the Colonial Chevrolet Corporation, of which he has since been the president.

Mr. Darden served on the Norfolk City Council from 1946 to 1950, and as mayor of the city during 1949-1950. He is a member of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and served as president of the Norfolk Community Chest in 1952. He is vice president of the Council of Social Agencies, and is a member of the board of the Norfolk General Hospital. He serves on the boards of directors of the National Bank of Commerce, and the Norfolk Chamber

of Commerce, and also on the board of the Navy Y.M.C.A. He is himself a veteran of naval service, having been on active duty in 1943-1945, with the rank of lieutenant senior grade. An Episcopalian, he serves on the vestry of his church.

In Norfolk, on March 5, 1932, Mr. Darden married Audrey Cecilia Hogan, daughter of Hunter A. and Cecilia (Philbin) Hogan. Mr. and Mrs. Darden have two children: 1. Audrey, born in Norfolk on January 5, 1933. She is the wife of Nicholas G. Wilson, 3rd. 2. Joshua Pretlow, Jr., born in Norfolk on October 11, 1936. In 1956 he was a student at the University of Virginia. The Darden family home is at 416 Commonwealth Avenue, Norfolk.

SOL HARRY MEDNICK—The founder of Globe Iron Construction Company at Norfolk, Sol Harry Mednick was active as head of that firm until the end of his life. His record of achievement as an industrialist has greatly benefited his region.

Mr. Mednick came to this country from his native Russia in his boyhood. He was born at Lubishov on March 10, 1892, son of Meyer Louis and Zipora (Gottlieb) Mednick. His parents brought him to the United States when he was very young, and he first attended Public School No. 188 in New York City, completing his courses there in 1907. In 1910 he graduated from Hebrew Technical Institute, also in New York City. He then began his working career, but at the same time carried courses at the Cooper Union, which conferred on him the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1915.

From 1910 to 1919, Mr. Mednick was employed by several of the larger iron companies in New York, in the capacities of draftsman, chief draftsman, and estimator. For a number of years in his youth, he worked and studied a total of nineteen hours a day, to help support his family and simultaneously to give himself an education.

He came to Norfolk in 1919 and accepted a position as chief engineer of the Liberty Iron and Wire Works. After remaining in that connection until 1923 and gaining further valuable industrial experience, Mr. Mednick left to organize the Globe Iron Construction Company. An account of his early efforts in building up this organization is contained in a brief accompanying history of the firm. His abilities assured it a place of leadership among companies specializing in the design, fabrication, and erection of structural steel, architectural iron, plate, and nonferrous metals. He operated the company as a proprietorship and since his death it has been incorporated. His sons and a son-in-law are active in the management.

Earning his place in the professional ranks of the engineering profession, Sol Mednick was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Institute of Steel Construction, and the National Association of Ornamental Metal Manufacturers. He served as a director of the last-named organization, and also as director of the Builders and Contractors Exchange. He held membership in the Hampton Roads Engineers Club. His religious affiliation was with Ohel Shalom Temple.

In New York City, on May 28, 1918, Sol Harry Mednick married Celia Lefkowitz, daughter of Joseph and Ray (Freed) Lefkowitz. The couple became the parents of three children: 1. Miriam Rose, born March 27, 1921. 2. Maurice, born February 10, 1923. His life story accompanies. 3. Lawrence Lee, born July 14, 1929.

Mr. Mednick's death occurred on December 15, 1953.

MAURICE L. MEDNICK—A short time ago, Maurice L. Mednick became vice president of Globe Iron Construction Company. The firm, which was incorporated at that time, is a leader in the structural steel, architectural iron, and metals construction field, as designers, fabricators, and erectors. Mr. Mednick has other business interests as well, and he has been active in a number of professional, fraternal, and civic groups, in several of which he has held offices.

He was born in the same year his company was founded—on February 10, 1923, at Norfolk. He is a son of Sol Harry and Celia (Lefkowitz) Mednick. The couple had another son, Larry, who is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and served three years in the United States Navy as a lieutenant. Maurice L. Mednick attended Lee Grammar School in his native city, and graduated from Maury High School in 1940. He took his advanced studies at Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and on his graduation there in 1944, received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Mr. Mednick had also taken courses at Yale University, in 1943.

After completing his studies, he entered active duty in the United States Navy, being commissioned a lieutenant in the Civil Engineer Corps of the Naval Reserve. He participated in the amphibious landings in the South Pacific in 1945.

From 1937 Mr. Mednick had worked part-time and during summer vacations for the Globe Iron Construction Company, and had gained experience as mechanic, erector, and draftsman. In 1946 he started with the firm full time. To gain a sound groundwork in technical procedures, he worked



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successively as draftsman, estimator, and chief engineer until 1954. In that year he was named vice president and general manager. The firm retains its place of leadership in the structural field, and its record is more fully outlined in an accompanying historical sketch.

Besides this major business connection, Mr. Mednick is a director of Warehouse Distributors Corporation and the Gicco Corporation. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Welding Society, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and as a member of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, he has served as president of its Tidewater Chapter. He remains active in the Civil Air Patrol, in which he has served as a pilot with the rank of captain. In his home city of Norfolk, he belongs to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which he is currently the vice president. He has been president of Beta Sigma Rho fraternity, and is also a member of Alpha Phi Omega. His other memberships include the National Aviation Club, the Press Club of Virginia, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the Trojan Club. He and his family attend Ohef Shalom Temple.

In New York City, on June 23, 1956, Maurice L. Mednick married Miriam Golub, daughter of Samuel and Pauline (Drucker) Golub. The couple are the parents of a son, Saul Bruce, who was born on March 29, 1957.

GLOBE IRON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY was founded in Norfolk in 1923 by Sol Mednick (q.v.), who had come to the city as an iron worker four years before. During the first year, Mr. Mednick himself was the only worker, with a ten-foot-square office as his headquarters. In 1926, as a result of his successful initial efforts, he was able to rent a sixty-foot garage, and start in the fabricating business with five men on his payroll. In the beginning they handled smaller contracts, and their largest project during that period was Loew's State Theater, which presented unique problems of a complex nature, discouraging other local contractors from bidding on the job.

By 1929 the company had grown to such an extent that new property was purchased and a one-hundred-foot square plant was required and constructed. Shortly afterwards the depression came and progress was slowed. Throughout its early history, most of the Globe Iron Construction Company's business came from those jobs which were of a miscellaneous and difficult nature. In later years the concern grew and developed its area of operations. Since Norfolk and vicinity was not an industrialized area, work was scarce and

competition keen, but by careful economy and reliance on the maxim of "Service to the customer" the company was able to survive and grow.

In 1937 the building was expanded, and since then, except for the World War II years when it was not possible to get materials for this purpose, there has been continuous expansion and growth. The progress of the company from 1923 to 1945 had resulted largely from the individual efforts of its founder-proprietor, Sol Mednick. After World War II, his son Maurice (q.v.) and his son-in-law Arthur Peregoff joined the firm to work under his guidance. During World War II, Maurice, an engineering graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology, served as lieutenant in the United States Navy. Mr. Peregoff, an accounting graduate of the University of Maryland, served in the United States Army Air Force as a captain. The founder's second son, Larry, graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1952, and served for three years as a lieutenant in the United States Navy.

In 1953 Sol Mednick died, and the business was changed from a proprietorship to a corporation, in which his successors were his wife, his two sons, and his son-in-law, all of whom play active roles in the business. At present the company is the largest structural steel fabricator in and around the Tidewater area. It is also the largest miscellaneous shop in that area, and has the largest steel warehouse and the largest aluminum building product sales. The company also maintains a prefabricated building division, with agents throughout the Eastern Seaboard.

At the present time, Globe Iron Construction Company has two hundred seventy persons on its payroll. The plant covers twelve acres, and four of these acres are covered with buildings of modern steel construction, with large crane ways and modern mechanical equipment and facilities. The additional eight acres are devoted to parking and storage space, or are in reserve for future development.

The work of the company is represented in every part of the Tidewater area, and it has over two thousand accounts among the contractors, builders, and business firms of the area. Its work program has been varied, and has included fabricating contracts on schools, churches, office buildings, warehouses, industrial plants, powerhouses, hangars, disposal plants, tanks, towers, and various other types of structures. Some of its interesting projects of past years have included the development and construction of aircraft maintenance stands for use by the United States Air Force throughout the entire world, construction of large tank farms for the United States Navy, airplane hangars for major airfields of the area, and

specialized work for National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at Langley Field.

Today, with approximately twenty welding shops, fifteen fabricating companies, four steel warehouses, and three tank-fabricating shops in the Tidewater area, there is extreme competition in this phase of industry. But Globe Iron Construction Company remains the dominant organization in its field, and its place of leadership has largely been assured through adherence to the principles of the founder, Sol Mednick.

WILLIAM THOMAS DANIELS—All of William T. Daniels' career has been identified with the automotive field. After long experience with other agencies, he became Newport News' dealer in Lincoln and Mercury cars in 1948, and heads a sizable and well-managed agency at 4210 Huntington Avenue, Newport News. He also owns and operates the W. T. Daniels Edsel Sales in Warwick.

Born at Eastman, Georgia, on October 26, 1897, he is a son of James F. and Beulah (De Ford) Daniels. Both of his parents were born in Dodge County, Georgia. His father, a livestock dealer, died on April 3, 1929. Mrs. Daniels survived her husband until April 15, 1952. Spending his boyhood years in Eastman, William Thomas Daniels attended the public elementary school there, and received his high school education at Chester, Georgia.

In 1914 he began working as a mechanic for a Ford dealer in Eastman, Georgia, and in 1920 went to Cordele, in the same state, where he began work as a salesman for the Lee Rowles Motor Company, a Buick dealership. In 1922 he joined forces with a Ford dealer at Cochran, Georgia, and remained there as sales manager until the following year.

At that time, Mr. Daniels received a franchise to operate an agency in his own right, and headed McRae Buick, at McRae, Georgia, for three years. At the end of that time he took over the Chevrolet dealership at Vidalia, Georgia, which he operated as the Daniels Motor Company until 1931. From that time until 1938, he was general manager for R. L. Walker Company at Waycross, Georgia.

Coming to Newport News in 1938, he began his automotive sales experience there with L. B. Lumpkin, a Ford dealer, holding the position of sales manager in his agency. A short time afterwards, he left to form Universal Auto Sales, a used-car agency; and in 1940 he took the franchise for the sale of Packard automobiles. Eight years later he changed his allegiance to Lincoln and Mercury, and since that time has sold these two high quality cars. He has con-

tinued throughout, the firm name of Universal Auto Sales, and is president of the company, which employs fifty-two people. Besides heading this agency, Mr. Daniels is a partner with his son, J. D. Daniels, in Daniels Motor Company of Charlotte, North Carolina, the Lincoln-Mercury dealer in that city, and also owns and operates the W. T. Daniels Edsel Sales in Warwick, another division of Ford Motor.

He is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, the Automobile Trade Association of Richmond, the Virginia Peninsula Association of Commerce and the James River Country Club. In his politics he is a Democrat, and he attends the Baptist Church. Golf and fishing are his favorite outdoor sports.

At Millen, Georgia, on September 10, 1918, William Thomas Daniels married Gladys Blackburn of that city, daughter of David and Susie (Bell) Blackburn. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels have four children: 1. James David, who is associated with his father in the management of the Charlotte agency. 2. Pauline, who is the wife of J. P. Williams. 3. Elizabeth, now Mrs. Howard Curtis. 4. Shelvar Jean. Mr. Daniels has ten grandchildren.

JACK WYATT HORSEMAN—The Lower Tidewater has known Jack Wyatt Horseman all his life as an active, aggressive youth and adult accustomed to industry and success. His reputation now lies in the oil industry and the retail floral business, and he holds such offices as president of the Hunt Fuel Corporation and Pennant Oil Corporation and manager of the Hunt Oil Company, W. P. Hunt Company, and Peninsula Oil Company, as well as being owner of Horseman's Florist. His floral business, operated for him by his wife, is at 49 West Queen Street, Hampton, and his headquarters is in the home office of the Hunt enterprises, also in that city.

Mr. Horseman was born in Hampton on February 10, 1913, the son of Howard Campbell and Grace (Wyatt) Horseman. His father has long been a prominent citizen of Hampton. Born at Deal Island, Maryland, on May 4, 1877, he was in the seafood business in Hampton from 1913 to 1933. Then, from June 1930, to June 1954, he was Hampton's postmaster. Today he is associated with the Hunt Oil Company. Grace Wyatt Horseman, also well known in Hampton's civic and social life, was born at Fox Hill on March 23, 1890.

Jack W. Horseman first attended Hampton's public schools. Following his graduation from the Hampton High School in 1929, he entered Virginia Military Institute, from which he was graduated in 1933. There followed activities in



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various fields. In 1935 he became an employee of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, and he was with that concern through the "national emergency" and the entire period of World War II.

In 1946 Mr. Horseman resigned his shipyard position to launch Horseman's Florists in Hampton. With his wife he operated this business until, in 1949, he formed his association with William Powhatan Hunt. Since then Mr. Horseman became president of the Hunt Fuel Corporation. The following year he also assumed the duties of manager of the Hunt Oil Company, W. P. Hunt Company, and Peninsula Oil Company. In 1953 he took on still another office in the Hunt enterprises, that of president of the Pennant Oil Corporation.

Mr. Horseman's position in the business community and his interest in the development of the city led to his election, in 1956, to the board of directors of the Hampton Retail Merchants Association. From 1947 to 1952 he was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Hampton. He is now active, also, in Hampton Lodge No. 366, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Hampton Roads German Club; the Newport News Propeller Club; and the James River Country Club. With his family he worships in the First Presbyterian Church of Hampton. He is a Democrat. Golf is his favorite game.

On October 8, 1938, in Hampton, Mr. Horseman married Ann Masters, daughter of the late Albert Ralph and Mary (Whiting) Masters.

MEADE RAY WELCH—Founder of the M. R. Welch Company, Inc., of Norfolk, Meade Ray Welch holds the offices of president and treasurer of this industrial construction firm, which is a leader in its field in the Tidewater area. It was founded in 1948, and incorporated in 1949, and has become increasingly prominent in the rental of contractors' equipment, in truck and crane service, heavy hauling and machinery setting.

Meade Ray Welch was born on July 29, 1924, in the Northern Neck region of Virginia, son of William Ray and Marie (Meade) Welch. His father was also a native of the same section, where for many years he has engaged in truck farming. He has also been active in highway construction work, entering that field before the days of paved roads. He built some of the early graveled roads in his home county. His wife, the former Marie Meade, was a native of Norfolk.

Meade Ray Welch passed his early boyhood on the home farm and attended the public schools nearby. In his early teens, when other boys were considering the problems of an education, he left

home and found work with a building contractor in Richmond. He found he possessed both an interest in this work, and an aptitude for it, and gained a sound knowledge of the rudiments. He earned his first wages mixing mortar used in building one of the first motels in the Richmond area. When this work came to an end, young Meade Welch, now on his own, found employment as a service station attendant, working on the night shift. As a boy of rural background, used to more conventional hours of sleep, he was discharged by his employer for falling asleep on the job. For two weeks thereafter, he walked the length of Broad Street in Richmond seeking employment, and finally secured a position with a restaurant chain. While advancing from dishwasher to cook and finally to chef, he worked as relief man in several centers where the chain had its restaurants. He continued in this work for about a year and a half. His next occupation was that of truck driver, and this work was terminated by his enlistment in the Construction Battalions ("Seabees") of the United States Navy, for duty in World War II. He began his period of active service in February 1943, and served for a time in the South Pacific, where the Seabees did such important work in rebuilding facilities and constructing new bases. In December 1944, he received a medical discharge, after which he returned to the farm on which he had passed his boyhood.

However, his deep interest in matters mechanical stimulated him to seek out another means of livelihood. He had gained experience in the operation of heavy equipment while in the Construction Battalions, and he now began supplementing this with civilian experience as a truck driver. He later worked with a construction firm in Richmond. His determination to operate heavy equipment led him to change employers several times. For a period he was with the E. T. Gresham Company, Inc., of Norfolk (an organization which, with its chief executive, is considered elsewhere in these pages). He later worked as a crane operator at the Naval Operations Base in Norfolk.

Following a major surgical operation, he entered the real estate sales field in Norfolk with the E. L. Marshall Real Estate Agency, and in 1947 was licensed as an independent real estate broker. He was quite successful in this line of work, in contrast to which he continued part-time work as a crane operator. In 1948, with accumulated savings, he bought his first piece of equipment, a bulldozer tractor. He used his earnings in the real estate business in acquiring additional equipment, and thus laid the foundation for his present company. His goal was reached when the M. R. Welch Company was formed,

and incorporated in 1949. Continuing his emphasis upon heavy equipment, he now heads one of the best-equipped firms of its type in the region. He offers truck and crane service on a rental basis, with trucks and cranes with capacities from eight to thirty tons, and booms from twenty-five to one hundred and sixty feet. The company owns seven cranes in all, and is also well equipped for heavy hauling services. It engages in industrial construction, confining its operations to the Lower Tidewater area.

M. R. Welch Company is a family corporation in a true sense. Its only other executive besides Mr. Welch (president, treasurer and general manager) is his wife, Mary R. Welch, who holds the office of vice president, has been a full partner and an inspiration to her husband in bringing the firm its success. Headquarters is at 3442 Azalea Garden Road, just off Military Highway, Norfolk.

Happy in his work, Mr. Welch continues to follow the formula which started him on the road to success. He claims that his work isn't hard, and that his enthusiasm for it carries him along. Rather than financial success, he has emphasized community progress and rendering sincere service to his fellows in the field in which he is best qualified to serve.

His hobby is aeronautics. He holds a private pilot's license, enjoys flying his Piper "Tri-Pacer" and is a member of the Norfolk Civil Air Patrol. He is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Builders and Contractors Exchange, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of Khorassan, and Corinthian Lodge No. 266, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Suburban Christian Church, and serves on its board of trustees.

Mr. Welch is married to the former Mary R. Stalton of Gulfport, Mississippi, and Chicago, Illinois. They are the parents of two children: 1. Meade Ray, Jr., born on January 2, 1946. 2. Mary Rose, born October 14, 1950.

WILEY CLEVELAND HARRELL—As a pharmacist, Wiley Cleveland Harrell's entire professional career has been centered in the Lower Tidewater area. In the course of the past decade, he has built up a chain of three pharmacies in Virginia Beach.

He is a native of Moyock, North Carolina, and was born on June 4, 1904, son of William Lafayette and Alice (Mathias) Harrell. His father, who is now deceased, was a lumberman. Wiley C. Harrell attended the public schools of Currituck County, North Carolina and graduated from the Moyock High School in his native city, in the Class of 1924. He then enrolled at the University of North Caro-

lina at Chapel Hill. There he received his professional training, and became a Graduate in Pharmacy on completion of his courses there in 1929.

During the first decade and one-half of his career, Mr. Harrell was employed as a pharmacist by the Peoples Service Drug Stores. He advanced to a management position with this Norfolk firm, and gained experience valuable to him in the subsequent phase of his career. On June 11, 1947, he opened his first drug store under his own name. Known as Harrell's Pharmacy, it was located at 19th and Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach. On the third anniversary of its opening, June 11, 1950, he opened his second store, at 34th and Atlantic Avenue. On the same day in 1955, the third Harrell store was opened, at 305-31 Street. He continues to operate all three stores at the present time, and has a total payroll of sixty-five, including six registered pharmacists.

In his home city of Virginia Beach Mr. Harrell belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, and he is also a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He is a member and past president of the Cosmopolitan Club of Norfolk, and a member of the Norfolk Executives Club and the Princess Anne Country Club. He attends the Baptist Church, and is a Democrat. His hobby is boating.

On July 19, 1933, in Norfolk, Wiley Cleveland Harrell married Margaret Cobb of that city, daughter of Ulysses Grant and Annie Forbes (Bishop) Cobb. The couple are the parents of the following children: 1. Wiley Cleveland, Jr., who was born on June 11, 1934. He attended the University of North Carolina and took his degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. He is now serving in France with the United States Army. Wiley C. Harrell, Jr., married Betty Jane Gilbert of Princess Anne County. 2. Betty Ann, born August 30, 1939. She is attending Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia.

IRVING L. FULLER—Newport News business executive Irving L. Fuller was for several years identified with the management of the Nehi Bottling Company and Newport News Nash Corporation and served as president of both companies. He is now the manager of the Virginia Peninsula Association of Commerce and has held positions of trust in various civic and welfare organizations.

Born on a farm in Pittsylvania County, on April 4, 1898, he is a son of the late Walter G. and Lula (Collins) Fuller. The family moved to Norfolk in 1907, and Irving L. Fuller attended the public schools of that city. In 1917 he joined the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues, which became Battery B of the 29th Division at the time of



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World War I, and saw service overseas. Returning to Norfolk in 1920, he entered the wholesale fruit and produce business with his father. They traded as the Fuller Commission Company.

In 1925, the year of his marriage, Irving L. Fuller became associated with the Sir Thomas Lipton Tea Company, an English concern, and at the time of his resignation in 1939 held the position of division manager. In that year he purchased the Nehi Bottling Company. In 1946 he organized the Newport News Nash Corporation.

On June 1, 1954, Mr. Fuller became general manager of the Virginia Peninsula Association of Commerce. In addition to holding that position, he continues on the executive board and as a director of the Peninsula Industrial Committee. For the past three years he has attended the Southeast Institute for Chamber of Commerce Executives, at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Mr. Fuller was chairman of the Warwick Stadium Fund Drive for Newport News and was four times chairman or co-chairman of the Peninsula Industrial Committee's fund-raising campaigns. He is past secretary and director of the Newport News-Warwick Red Cross chapter; past campaign co-chairman and director of the Newport News-Warwick Community Chest; and past chairman of the Thirteenth District Key Clubs, sponsored by Kiwanis International. A charter member of the Virginia Club in Norfolk, he is a former member of the Princess Anne Golf and Country Club at Virginia Beach, the Norfolk Golf and Country Club, and the Norfolk Yacht Club. In addition he is currently a member of the James River Country Club, the Kiwanis Club of Newport News, and the Propeller Club. He was also one of the original sponsors of the Peninsula Orchestra.

In 1925 Irving L. Fuller married Eleanor Cuthrell Nash, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Jean Nash, born on May 13, 1929. She is the wife of Thomas R. Watkins. 2. Irving L., Jr., born March 13, 1934. A grand-nephew, Richie Fuller, also makes his home with the family. They reside at 4 Douglas Drive, Warwick.

ROBERT MILTON SAUNDERS—A lawyer who has practiced at Newport News since 1940, Robert Milton Saunders is now senior member of the firm of Saunders and Hornsby, with offices in the First National Bank Building. He has served capably on the bench as substitute municipal, juvenile and domestic relations court judge, and he is a veteran of World War II.

Born at Richmond on January 17, 1917, he is a son of Joseph Henry and Lola (Beale) Saunders. His father, who was born at Portsmouth

on June 21, 1876, was an educator whose career was identified with the schools of Virginia. He served as superintendent at Newport News and died on February 9, 1946. Mrs. Saunders, the former Lola Beale, survives her husband. She was born in Southampton County on August 8, 1882.

Robert M. Saunders attended the public schools of Newport News and graduated from high school there in 1933. He was a student at the College of William and Mary for one year, then transferred to George Washington University, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1937. He took his law training at the University of Virginia, and graduated there in 1940 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1939 he had been admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia, and on completing his courses, began practicing at Newport News. He left soon after this country entered World War II to enlist in the United States Naval Reserve. Called to active duty as an ensign and later commissioned as lieutenant, senior grade, he served in the Pacific Theater of Operations for thirteen months. He was separated from the service in November 1945.

On his return from wartime service he resumed his practice at Newport News and in June 1955, formed the law firm of Saunders and Hornsby, in which John William Hornsby, Jr., is the other partner. Mr. Saunders is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association and is a past president of that group. He also holds membership in the Virginia State Bar Association. He has been active in the affairs of the Democratic party. Mr. Saunders has rendered valuable service as substitute judge in the various courts of Newport News—the civil and municipal, juvenile and domestic relations courts, at various times between 1950 and 1955.

He has taken a lively interest in civic affairs. He has served as chairman of the Newport News-Warwick Chapter of the American Red Cross, and has been active on behalf of the local Community Chest. He is past president of the Hampton Roads Junior Chamber of Commerce. In 1949, Mr. Saunders received the Distinguished Service Award of the Virginia Peninsula, in recognition of his public services. His fraternity is Theta Delta Chi. He is a member of the James River Country Club and attends St. Paul's Episcopal Church, serving his congregation as vestryman. His hobby is music.

At Virginia Beach, on May 27, 1954, Robert M. Saunders married Mary Dunn Vandeventer of that city, daughter of Braden and Eliza Phelan (Ruffin) Vandeventer. Her father is deceased, but her mother is living. Mr. and Mrs.

Saunders have a daughter, Eliza Ruffin, who was born on July 11, 1955, and a son Robert M., Jr., born March 25, 1957.

J. OWEN CAMPBELL—The place of J. Owen Campbell, founder and president of Campbell's Photo Service and Supply Company and Campbell's Camera Center, is firmly established in the business life of Norfolk, of which city he is a native. In the field of pictorial photography he has a nationwide reputation. For a number of years his name has appeared in "Who's Who in International Pictorial Photography," and in 1937 he won the Oscar Barnack Award, which was conferred on only three in that year. Mr. Campbell, who has proved himself a man of exceptional enterprise and versatility, is a capable businessman as well as photographer. Campbell's Photo Service and Supply Company, founded about January 1, 1950, and Campbell's Camera Center, which he founded about Easter 1950, have become two of the largest and most complete establishments of their kind in the Southeast. Campbell's Camera Center, whose address is 117 College Place, won for its proprietor the designation of "America's Top Brand-name Photographic Dealer," conferred by Brand Names Foundation, Inc., in 1955.

He was born at Norfolk on May 19, 1910, son of the late John Thomas and Nellie Fidelia (Owen) Campbell. His father, who died in 1941, was prominently identified with ocean shipping circles for many years, being active in stevedoring, shipping and terminal operations at Baltimore as well as Norfolk. Mr. Campbell's father was the founder of National Stevedoring and Shipping Company, parent organization of the John T. Campbell Corporation in Baltimore and of Lambert's Point Terminal Corporation at Norfolk.

Beginning his education in public elementary schools and at Fishburn Military School, J. Owen Campbell later attended Norfolk Academy. He then entered the College of William and Mary, where he majored in business administration. He began his business career with the National Stevedoring and Shipping Company in 1931 as assistant secretary, and later became president of the John T. Campbell Corporation in Baltimore. His connection with the Lambert's Point Terminal Corporation began in the capacity of treasurer and member of the board of directors, but he later became president of this organization as well until 1942, when his interest was acquired by Lambert's Point Docks Corporation. Mr. Campbell also served as president of the National Stevedoring and Shipping Corporation for a time.

To leave an executive position in an industry with an assured future and take a chance in the field of one's first choice is never an easy decision

to make. But Mr. Campbell had most promising indications, including the national photographic award he had received in 1937, that he would be able to achieve success in the field of photography, coupled with the retailing of photographic equipment. For about eighteen years prior to the time he opened Campbell's Camera Center, he had taken a vital interest in the profession, and had proved himself an outstanding amateur, with numerous trophies besides the Barnack Award to his credit. He brought broad technical experience to the businesses which he founded in 1950, and during the years since, has met with gratifying success. A key to this success may be found in one of his remarks: "In setting up my business, I wanted to treat amateurs and professionals the way I would like to have been treated when I was in their field." In explaining the business methods which were described in his firm's book entry in the Brand Names Foundation competition, Mr. Campbell said that one practice which he believed helped win the award was that of sending an experienced photographer out to work with persons who had purchased valuable cameras or equipment, to help them derive the most benefit from their investment. Campbell's representatives continue to give such aid as long as it is needed, and this also has the advantage of determining that the camera itself lives up to expectations. All of Mr. Campbell's associates are qualified photographers in their own right. Robert H. Patterson, manager of the retail store, went to the South Pole with Admiral Byrd as one of the expedition's chief photographers. Another associate, S. H. Rings, was head photographer for the United States Navy at Saclant for many years, joining the staff of Campbell's at the conclusion of his service in 1955. Other associates are Gill Jones, executive vice president; Mrs. Gladys Routten, treasurer; G. L. Upshur, who has had much experience in professional and industrial photography; and C. R. Moore, in charge of outside industrial sales. The founder's son, J. Owen Campbell, Jr., has also joined the firm, and is now manager of the new branch located at 25th and Atlantic streets, Virginia Beach. The parent organization, Campbell's Photo Service and Supply Corporation, dealing at wholesale only, is located at 4401 Killam Avenue in Norfolk. The best-known names among camera and equipment manufacturers are represented at the store, among them Minox, Leica, Bolex, Kodak, Rolleiflex, Ansco, Argus, du Pont and Polaroid.

Mr. Campbell is a member of the Virginia Professional Photographers Association, the Virginia Press Photographers Association, the National Association of Dealers and Photo Finishers and Brand Names Foundation, Inc. In his own city



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he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Association, both of Norfolk, the Rotary Club of Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Country Club, and the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 39 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Elizabeth Lodge No. 34, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. A member of the higher bodies of Masonry, he is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and he also belongs to the Royal Order of Scotland. He attends Galilee Episcopal Church at Virginia Beach.

Mr. Campbell's major avocational interest is agriculture, and from 1942 to 1948 he was active in stock breeding, operating a cattle farm in the Valley of Virginia for the breeding of foundation herds of pure-bred Herefords. He became widely known in livestock circles, and won many awards in Hereford competitions. He developed one of the finest herds of these cattle in the commonwealth, and his reputation in the sale of breeding stock extended as far west as Wyoming, and throughout the South to Atlanta and as far north as Vermont.

In Forsyth, Georgia, on March 5, 1932, J. Owen Campbell married May Mays, daughter of Jesse Wade and Ada (Chambliss) Mays. They are the parents of two children: 1. John Owen, Jr., born December 6, 1932. He attended Fishburn Military School, the University of Virginia and Rochester Institute of Technology. He is now manager of the Campbell's Camera Center branch at Virginia Beach. Married to the former Miss Jean Patterson of Breemo Bluff, Virginia, he is the father of a daughter, Martha Lynn, born March 14, 1956. 2. Charles Stratton, born August 14, 1944, now attending Norfolk Academy. The family resides at Linlier, Virginia Beach.

CECIL HENDERSON REED—One of Princess Anne County's business leaders, Cecil Henderson Reed devoted himself in the later years of his life to the management of a motel. He was prominent in public affairs, and in political circles as a Democrat, and served as his party's committeeman in Princess Anne County. He had many friends and always was generous in responding to frequent requests for assistance—both financially and in service.

A native of Norfolk, he was born on November 7, 1898, and was a son of Harry Henderson and Annie (Evans) Reed. His father, a member of one of the long established families of the region, was with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad throughout most of his career. Cecil H. Reed attended local public schools and graduated from Norfolk High School.

Early in his career he turned his attention to hotel management, and for a number of years was assistant manager of the Monticello Hotel in Norfolk. In March 1943 he opened the Old Dominion Motel in Princess Anne County at the intersection of U. S. Routes 13 and 60, building twenty-two units there, and operating an efficient and modern tourists' hostelry, the first of its kind in the Norfolk-Princess Anne County area, and one of the first in the State of Virginia. Mr. Reed was a member of the National Hotel Association.

Mr. Reed held office as Democratic committeeman of Princess Anne County from 1950 to 1958. He was a member of the Cavalier Beach Club, and a former member of the Princess Anne Rotary Club and the Ruritan Club. He was a communicant of the First Baptist Church of Norfolk, while Mrs. Reed attends Our Savior Lutheran Church of Bay-side, Princess Anne County.

She has been a recognized leader in civic affairs for some time, especially in all charity fund raising campaigns and in conservation. Born Lucrezia Covington, she is a daughter of Jefferson Davis and Susan Elizabeth (Smith) Covington, of Covington, Kentucky. Married to Mr. Reed in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on November 16, 1937, she came with him to Virginia in 1938 and from the time he opened the Old Dominion Motel, assisted him in its management. Both were members of the Cavalier Club, the Princess Anne chapters of the American Red Cross, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis ("Helping Hand"), American Cancer Society, and the Norfolk Chapter of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

Mrs. Reed is a member of the Lake Joyce Garden Club; The Virginia Tidewater Unit, National Association of Parliamentarians; Cape Henry Woman's Club; Order of Cape Henry 1607; and a former member of the Woman's Club of Princess Anne County. In all of her activities she had the full cooperation of her husband, and when goals were not reached in charity drives, Mr. Reed's contribution carried them over the top.

In recognition of excellent accomplishments in all activities and particularly for her untiring efforts in promoting the conservation and preservation of the wild American lotus of Princess Anne County—the last substantial growth to be found in the United States—Mrs. Reed was named "Woman of Outstanding Accomplishment of Princess Anne County for 1955," by the local Business and Professional Women's Club. She also received the commendation of the Virginia State Department of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Reed's death occurred at his Princess Anne County home on February 3, 1958. There are scores

and scores of friends to whom he was kind and loyal throughout the years who will not forget him.

JOSHUA PRETLOW—A Suffolk attorney with a decade's experience before the Virginia bar, Joshua Pretlow is currently serving as Commonwealth Attorney for Nansemond County. He was born at Appomattox, Virginia, on April 5, 1919, and is a son of Thomas Butler and Cynthia Anne (Abbitt) Pretlow. His father, a native of Southampton County, died in 1929, and Mrs. Pretlow died in 1933. She, like her son, was born at Appomattox.

The public schools of Nansemond County provided Joshua Pretlow's early education, and he graduated from Chuckatuck High School in 1936. He then enrolled at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1940. He has also taken courses at Norfolk College.

He was admitted to the Virginia bar on January 3, 1947, and since that time has practiced in Suffolk under his own name. His has been a general practice. He became Commonwealth Attorney for Nansemond County by election to office in 1955, and is filling a four-year term.

Besides his professional and public duties, Mr. Pretlow is a member of the board of directors of The Farmers Bank of Nansemond. He is a member of the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he belongs to Chuckatuck Lodge No. 77, and is a member of the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and the commandery of the Knights Templar. He holds the Thirty-second degree in Masonry, and is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Norfolk. He is a member of the German Club of Suffolk and the Chuckatuck Ruritan Club. He attends Wesley Chapel, a Methodist Church at Chuckatuck, where he is superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Pretlow is a Democrat.

At Suffolk, on March 31, 1945, Joshua Pretlow married Betty N. Cross of that city, daughter of Harry L. and Jennie Lee (Williams) Cross. The couple are the parents of the following children: 1. Joshua, Jr., who was born on October 7, 1946. 2. Anne Abbitt, born on January 18, 1948. 3. Thomas Kirk, born October 20, 1951.

HERBERT A. HOLT, JR.—A native of the Lower Tidewater, Herbert A. Holt, Jr., has become one of its better known citizens. He is president of the Holt Buick Company at Virginia Beach, a part owner of a motel and a bank director,

and a leader in civic and service organizations. In the political field he has served on the City Council of Virginia Beach and is now chairman of the city's Electoral Board and treasurer of the Erosion Commission.

He was born at Portsmouth on July 3, 1908, the son of Herbert A. and Mattie (Oakley) Holt. His father, who was superintendent of terminals for the Seaboard Airline Railroad for forty years, died in April 1951, at the age of eighty-three. The mother makes her home in Norfolk.

Herbert A. Holt, Jr., was graduated from Maury High School, Norfolk, in 1926. He began his business career immediately, but continued his education at night, attending Norfolk College. His first position was with R. G. Dun and Company, now Dun and Bradstreet. After a short period with this firm, he joined the plumbing firm of V. R. Stell of Norfolk. He learned the trade and remained with this firm for eleven years.

In 1939 Mr. Holt went into the automobile business as an independent operator. His first location was Atlantic Avenue and Twenty-first Street. In 1946, he built his present plant at Pacific Avenue and Twenty-first Street. Two years later he acquired the Buick franchise and changed his firm name to Holt Buick Company. From his Virginia Beach headquarters he covers all of Princess Anne County, employing about twenty persons. Long active in real estate transactions, he has done much property development work. His motel, a new venture, contains forty units. Another business interest is the Bank of Virginia Beach, of which he is a director.

A Democrat, Mr. Holt served on the Virginia Beach City Council from 1942 to 1948. As treasurer of the Erosion Commission and chairman of the Electoral Board, he continues to serve his fellow citizens. He is a past president of the Rotary Club of Virginia Beach and is a director of the Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia Beach Retail Merchants Association. He worships in the Presbyterian Church. Golf is his favorite diversion.

Mr. Holt married Mattie Midgette, daughter of John and Cora (Brumsey) Midgette, in Virginia Beach in October 1941. Mrs. Holt and her parents were born in Currituck County, North Carolina. Her father farmed in that county until his death in 1925, at the age of fifty-six. Mr. and Mrs. Holt have one son, Herbert A., III, born in Virginia Beach in June 1945. Their home is at Cavalier Drive and Pinewood Road, Virginia Beach.

JAMES BEARFOOT OGLETHORPE—One of the most colorful figures of Lower Tidewater



J. B. Gletcher

Virginia is James Bearfoot Oglethorpe, whose life represents a cycle that extends back into the very origins of human life on the American Continent, the Indians, through the Gay Nineties to the remarkable changes of the automobile age, the age of automation and into our present atomic and space age.

As cannons boomed and fireworks filled the air with a blaze of commemorative splendor, James Bearfoot was said to have been "hatched out on a stump" near Caddo, Oklahoma, in the early morning of July 4, 1893. He was of mixed Shawnee Indian and English parentage. He was the son of James Bearfoot Whitecloud and Mary (Oglethorpe) Whitecloud and later assumed his mother's maiden name of Oglethorpe.

Early in life he learned the true meaning of tolerance and democracy. His first twelve years of life were spent on an Indian Reservation and in the homes of German, Jewish and Russian families. His educational opportunities on the reservation and elsewhere were limited, but young James took full advantage of every means to improve his mind and gain knowledge. He left school with not much more than a basic foundation in formal education, a strong and healthy body and an equally strong and healthy determination to overcome all obstacles and make the most of himself.

The road he was forced to follow to reach his goal was not an easy one. The first order of business was to curb the wild streak inherent in his nature. While still a youth he enlisted in the United States Cavalry and was assigned to duty on the Mexican Border. Six months after enlisting he was able to transfer his services to the United States Corps of Engineers and spent the remainder of his enlistment in the South Sea Islands, receiving an honorable discharge in San Francisco in 1912.

Thereafter followed a gay and light-hearted period in his life and the opportunity to travel widely and gain both knowledge and experience. His interests in the theater prompted him to try entertaining in vaudeville which led to a dramatic career. He played Shakespearean roles on the stage, traveling with theatrical troupes throughout the United States and Canada during 1914-1915. It was at this time, November 24, 1915, that he married Nannie Clark Martin of Halifax County, Virginia. With marriage and the desire for a more settled life and family, his thoughts centered on means to obtain further education and a suitable vocation. He entered a University School of Commerce and took courses in accounting in 1916-1917, completing four years of work in eighteen months.

America's entrance into World War I brought

him back to military service but this time in a professional field. He was engaged in auditing and installing accounting systems in connection with military installations in and near Tidewater Virginia. It was during this period that he studied and completed five correspondence courses in advanced accounting and corporate finance. After the war Mr. Oglethorpe resigned from his military work and joined the accounting staff of a New York firm, and later was engaged in this work in Norfolk. In 1920 he established his own accounting firm in Norfolk and has since operated it as J. B. Oglethorpe & Company. He has been joined by his sons, James Bernard and Edward Kent Oglethorpe, both of whom entered their father's office upon completion of their schooling and return from military service.

Thus the cycle of his life brought James Bearfoot Oglethorpe from what is now known as Caddo, Oklahoma, although at that time this region was still Indian territory, to the staid and distinctive professional offices in the Wainwright Building of Norfolk, where he practices his profession as Certified Public Accountant and presides as senior member and founder of the well-known accounting firm of J. B. Oglethorpe & Company.

Mr. Oglethorpe became a Certified Public Accountant November 22, 1930, when he passed the examination given by the Virginia State Board of Accountancy. He has maintained the profession of accountancy at its highest standards, and his firm throughout the years has served a wide clientele among commercial and industrial interests. He has specialized in the field of Federal and State Income Tax Laws and the preparation of income tax returns but lays no claim to the nomenclature of "tax expert."

He is a member of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants; the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce; Owen's Lodge No. 164, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; John Walters Royal Arch Chapter No. 68 and the Grice Commandery No. 16 Knights Templar; Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, The Scottish Rite Bodies, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Lafayette Yacht Club, The Norfolk Sports Club and Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WOLCOTT FAMILY—The Lower Tidewater has seen three generations of the Wolcott family rise to important stature in the legal profession. Two members of the first generation led the family into this profession in Norfolk in 1893. Today, one member of the second generation and his son are in practice, their firm being Wolcott, Wolcott, and Payne. Edward W. Wolcott is a member of the third generation in the legal profession.

He was born in Norfolk on April 27, 1921, his father, James M. Wolcott, in Van Wert, Ohio, on August 1, 1894. James M. Wolcott, the senior member of the law firm of Wolcott, Wolcott, and Payne, was brought to Norfolk by his parents when he was one year old. His father, Edward W. Wolcott, joined by a brother, Harry K. Wolcott, practiced law in the Lower Tidewater's largest city until their deaths. Harry K. Wolcott died in the 1920s, Edward W. Wolcott in the early 1930s.

James M. Wolcott received his early education in the public schools of Norfolk. At Maury High School, from which he was graduated in 1912, he was captain of the football team. He was attending the University of Virginia when the United States entered World War I. Leaving his classes, he enlisted in the United States Army and served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces. When he left the service after the Armistice of 1918, he resumed his classes at the University of Virginia, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Upon his admission to the Virginia bar, he joined his father and uncle in the practice of law. In World War II he was chairman of the Ration Board for the city of Norfolk and on the Appeal Board of the Selective Service System for the city of Norfolk. As a member of this board he was instrumental in considering registrations for military service. Earlier in his career, he was captain of the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues. In addition to practicing law, James M. Wolcott operates a farm at Moyock, North Carolina; is a member of the Civil Service Commission of Norfolk; and has been a member of the Electoral Board for thirty-five years, of which he is presently chairman. He is a member of the Virginia, American, and Norfolk-Portsmouth bar associations and several Masonic bodies. He is a former deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk. Sailing is his hobby. In politics he is a Republican.

James M. Wolcott married Nannie Baylor, daughter of Richard and Isabelle (McIntosh) Baylor, in Norfolk in 1918. Richard Baylor, a native of Kinloch, Essex County, was a planter all his life. His wife was a native of Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. James M. Wolcott have two sons, both professional men. The older of the two is Dr. James M. Wolcott, Jr., who was born in Norfolk on March 18, 1920. He took the degree of Bachelor of Science at Hampden-Sydney College in 1942 and that of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1949 and is now practicing his profession in Norfolk. He served in the United States Navy in World War II. Dr. Wolcott married Janice L. Smith of New Orleans in September 1954, and they have one daughter, Janice Lamar, born in Norfolk in July 1955, and one son, James M., III.

Edward W. Wolcott, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Wolcott, was graduated from Maury High School, Norfolk, in 1939, at the age of eighteen. In 1943 he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Hampden-Sydney College and soon afterward was commissioned in the United States Navy. He served not only through the remainder of World War II, but for a total of four years. He was both in the Pacific and in the Caribbean frontier. Upon his release to inactive duty, he entered the Naval Reserve, in which he now holds the rank of lieutenant commander. In 1947 he entered the University of Virginia School of Law, where in February 1949, he was granted the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

For one year Edward W. Wolcott practiced his profession as an associate of the law firm of Pilcher and Pilcher, Norfolk. Then he joined his father. Since then they have practiced together. In November 1955, with the admission of Daniel Harmon Payne to the firm, the firm name was changed to Wolcott, Wolcott, and Payne. Offices are in Norfolk's Western Union Building. Like his father, Edward W. Wolcott is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth, Virginia, and American bar associations. He also belongs to the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Virginia Club, Phi Alpha Delta, and Omega Delta Kappa. He also is a former deacon of the First Presbyterian Church. Another sailing enthusiast, he maintains a sailboat of his own.

Edward W. Wolcott married Clara Mitchell in Norfolk on September 9, 1949. Mrs. Wolcott's parents are M. P. Mitchell, a retired merchant and farmer, and Mary (Garnett) Mitchell, who was born at Horse Shoe Farm, Gordonsville, Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott have three children: 1. Anne Garnett, born on October 24, 1951. 2. Edward W., Jr., born on August 9, 1953. 3. Elizabeth Brooke, born on March 24, 1956.

JOHN E. RAY, 3rd—After his return from Air Corps service in World War II, John E. Ray, 3rd, became identified with the Camp Manufacturing Company of Franklin, which recently merged with Union Bag and Paper Corporation to form Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation. He has advanced steadily over the past decade to his present office of resident manager of the Camp Division of this company. He served as a member of the Camp board of directors and also on the boards of two other corporations.

Born May 5, 1919, in Franklin, he is a son of Burton J. and Sallie (Camp) Ray. His father, a native of Raleigh, North Carolina, is now retired, after a business career which brought him executive duties as secretary and treasurer of the Camp Manufacturing Company. John E. Ray at-



John E. Ray 3rd

tended the public elementary and high schools of Franklin and graduated from high school there in 1936. For two years he attended Woodberry Forest School at Orange, Virginia, after which he completed his advanced studies during three years as a student at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

At about this period, the United States became involved in World War II, and Mr. Ray enlisted for service in the United States Army Air Corps. He spent one year overseas, in the European theater, served as a pilot and attained the rank of major. He was separated from the service in August 1945.

On returning to his native area and to peacetime pursuits, he joined the Camp Manufacturing Company of Franklin. In March 1956, he was named vice president and a member of the firm's board of directors. He was also a director of the Stocker Manufacturing Company of Netcong, New Jersey, and is presently a member of the board of Franklin Concrete Products in his home city. He also has served on the boards of the Virginia Manufacturers Association and the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ray is a member of the Lions Club and the Commonwealth Club of Richmond. Fond of golf, he also belongs to the Cypress Cove Country Club and the Princess Anne Country Club at Virginia Beach. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity. He and his family attend Franklin Baptist Church, and he serves on its board of deacons.

At Franklin, on August 15, 1942, John E. Ray, 3rd, married Margaret Ellis Smith of Rio de Janeiro, daughter of Thomas W., Jr., and Margaret (Ellis) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Ray have three children: 1. Margaret Shepard, born August 13, 1943. 2. John Burton, born April 28, 1947. 3. Caroline Savage, born September 30, 1949.

WILLIAM ELDRIDGE SMITH—With many years' experience in the insurance field to his credit, William Eldridge Smith now heads his own agency at Franklin, dealing in life insurance and real estate. His offices are in the Farmers Bank Building.

A native of Dublin, Georgia, he was born on August 5, 1897, son of Joseph Eldridge and Carrie Belle (Blackshear) Smith. His father was also a Georgian by birth, and was a farmer, who also became a merchant and banker at Dublin. He is deceased, but his wife, the former Carrie Belle Blackshear, survives. William Eldridge Smith began his education in the public schools of Dublin, and completed his preparatory studies at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville. He then

entered Emory University, where he concluded his education.

At the time of World War I, he enlisted and attended courses of the Student Army Training Corps. After the war he joined his father in merchandising and farming at Dublin, Georgia, where he remained for five years. For two years, Mr. Smith was a salesman for H. S. Storr Company, working out of Raleigh, North Carolina. He terminated that connection to go to Tampa, Florida, and enter the insurance business as a general agent for the Maryland Casualty Company. He continued in this connection for a decade, after which he spent six years as agent for Equitable Life Assurance Society at Portland, Maine.

With a background of business experience at the geographical extremes of the Eastern Seaboard, Mr. Smith selected the middle ground of Franklin, Virginia, as the likeliest place to settle permanently. There, in 1948, he established a life insurance and real estate agency in his own name, and this he has successfully directed since.

He takes a vital interest in youth work in his home region, and was formerly president of the Old Dominion Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a Rotarian, and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and Cypress Cove Country Club, Commonwealth Club, Richmond, Farming Country Club, Charlottesville, Tampa Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida, and Portland Country Club, Portland, Maine. Attending the Baptist Church, he formerly served as chairman of its board of deacons.

At Franklin, on October 7, 1937, W. Eldridge Smith married Elizabeth Fountain Camp of Franklin, daughter of James L. and Caroline (Savage) Camp. Her father was a founder of the Camp Manufacturing Company, whose historical record is to be found in these pages.

J. BARBOUR RIXEY—The law firm of Rixey and Rixey is one of the best known in the Bar in the Lower Tidewater. There are three Rixeys in this firm—John Strode Rixey, whose lifestory appears elsewhere in this volume; James Barbour Rixey and the latter's son, John Franklin Rixey. The story of James Barbour Rixey, better known as J. Barbour Rixey, appears herewith.

Born in Culpeper County on March 1, 1895, he is the son of John Franklin and Ellen (Barbour) Rixey, both of whom were also natives of that county. John Franklin Rixey, a farmer and lawyer, represented his district in the Congress of the United States for twelve years. He practiced law in Culpeper. For a time he was Culpeper's Commonwealth Attorney. He died in 1907, at the age of fifty-two. He was still in Congress at the time. His widow died in 1944.

J. Barbour Rixey spent the early years of his life in Washington, D. C., and received his early education in the public schools of the capital and at a private school in Charlottesville, from which he was graduated in 1912. Subsequently, he spent a year at Hampden-Sydney College. He completed his education at the University of Virginia, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917 and that of Bachelor of Laws in 1920.

In 1917, after taking his Arts degree, he accepted a commission in the United States Army Air Service. He was a first lieutenant and flyer in that pioneer military group. For a time toward the end of World War I, he was an instructor. In December 1918, he was honorably discharged but he remained in the Reserve as a captain until 1924.

Upon the completion of his law course in June 1920, and his admission to the Virginia Bar, Mr. Rixey, joined by his brother, John Strode Rixey, began his practice in Norfolk. The firm of Rixey and Rixey, which maintains offices in the Citizens Bank Building, was formed at that time. In addition to the three Rixeys in the firm, there are also E. Pryor Wormington and Spencer G. Gill, Jr. Besides his law practice, J. Barbour Rixey looks after farming interests he acquired in Orange County. He is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth and Virginia bar associations, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Phi fraternities. He is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, where he formerly taught a Bible class. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Rixey married Elizabeth Cornick in Norfolk on June 7, 1924. She is the daughter of Tom and Mammie (Scott) Cornick, the former a native of Norfolk, the latter of Elizabeth City. Mr. Cornick, who was associated with the C. D. Kenney Company, a coffee roasting firm, for many years, died in 1911. Mrs. Rixey is active in the Norfolk Garden Club and in the Women's Auxiliary of the Norfolk Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Rixey have two children: 1. John Franklin, born on October 15, 1926. He took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1949 and that of Bachelor of Laws in 1951 at the University of Virginia. To serve in World War II he dropped out of school for fourteen months and was with the United States Navy as an aviation radioman third class until his separation from the service on August 14, 1946. He has been with the firm of Rixey and Rixey since 1951. He has been a member of Virginia State Legislature since 1954. He married Patricia Traugott and they have three children: James Barbour, born in 1950; John Franklin, Jr., born in 1953, and Maria, born in 1956. 2. Anne Cornick, born on December 4, 1931. She is the wife of Dr. Wilcox Ruffin, a physician who took his professional degree at the University of Virginia

in 1950. They have one son, Wilcox Kirkland, born in 1955, and live in Charlottesville.

CHARLES DREWRY BURFORD—Since the World War II period, Charles Drewry Burford (who is better known among his friends and fellow citizens as Bing Burford) has been building a substantial reputation as an automobile dealer. He came to Hampton in 1943, and now owns the Buick agency there. He is a veteran of military service in World War II, and has engaged in useful community and organizational activities.

He is a native of Norfolk, and was born on June 13, 1909, son of Charles Lee and Daisy (Jenkins) Burford. His father, who was also born at Norfolk, was engaged in the retail grocery business in that city for about thirty-five years, and he died on April 23, 1943. Mrs. Burford died in June 1918. She was a native of Gloucester, Virginia.

Reared in Norfolk and attending its public schools, Charles D. Burford graduated from Blair Junior High School and Maury High School there, then entered the College of William and Mary, attending evening classes at its Norfolk Division, majoring in accounting. He began his business career as stenographer with Southern Railway System in Norfolk, and remained in the employ of the railroad for eight years. He left to accept a position as office manager with the Nick Wright Motor Company, Chrysler distributors in Norfolk, and he also continued with this automobile sales organization for eight years. He then became chief accountant for one of the contracting firms on the Copeland Park Project, but after eight months in that position, left to enter service in World War II.

He was assigned to the 260th Engineer Combat Battalion, and served overseas for six months, holding the rating of technical sergeant. His overseas service was in the European theater. After a total of thirty months in uniform, he received his honorable discharge in September 1945.

When he returned to peacetime pursuits, Mr. Burford re-entered the automobile sales field, taking the franchise for Hudson at Newport News and later added Hampton. He sold his agency in Newport News in 1950, and remained in Hampton, where he received the franchise for the sale of Buicks. He chose his car wisely, for during the years since, it has become a major seller in the medium-price field, and has been third place in automobile sales throughout the country for over two years. He operates his agency, located at King and Lincoln streets, as



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Burford Buick Corporation. It is a sizable firm, giving employment to forty people.

Mr. Burford is active in the Virginia Peninsula Association of Commerce and Newport News-Hampton Auto Dealers Association. He is a member of George Wright Lodge No. 346 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Hampton. Fond of the out-of-doors, his favorite sports are fishing and boating. He is a member of the Knox Presbyterian Church in Norfolk.

Charles Drewry Burford is married to the former Kathryn Jane Murphy, daughter of the late Thomas Murphy and Ella (Woodgate) Murphy, of Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Burford reside at 4107 Chesapeake Avenue, Hampton.

GEORGE P. HYLTON, JR.—The legal profession, politics, and Baptist Church work are the three major preoccupations—outside his home and family—of George P. Hylton, Jr. A partner in the law firm of Venable, Parsons, Kyle, and Hylton, with offices at 700 Board of Trade Building, Norfolk, he is engaged in a general practice. On both the state and local levels, he is a leader in the Republican Party.

Mr. Hylton was born in Princeton, West Virginia, on March 15, 1912, the son of George P. and Caroline (St. Clair) Hylton. His father, a native of Tennessee, died in 1942 at the age of seventy-nine. The mother, born in Montgomery County, Virginia, died in February 1923, at the age of fifty-eight. The senior George P. Hylton was an outstanding citizen of Princeton and Mercer County, West Virginia. A tax expert for a land company at Princeton, he was also a merchant there. For a time he served as deputy sheriff and assessor of Mercer County.

George P. Hylton, Jr., attended Princeton's elementary and high schools. Graduated from high school in 1929, he attended Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, for one year and one summer semester, after which he returned to his native Princeton to read law in a law office. He left this activity to become a machinist's apprentice in the employ of the Virginia Railroad, but subsequently resumed his law studies in the same Princeton law office.

Without abandoning his resolution to make a career in the legal profession, Mr. Hylton once more gave up the reading of law in 1939, at the outbreak of war in Europe, and became a machinist in the Norfolk Navy Yards. He worked there throughout the nation's "national emergency" and World War II. From 1946 to 1947 he was a machinist at the Naval Operating Base. Meantime,

he devoted all his spare time to the study of law. In 1945 he resumed his formal studies at night at Norfolk College of Law and in August 1947, was admitted to practice as a member of the Virginia State Bar.

For a year Mr. Hylton practiced independently in Norfolk. Then, in 1948, he became an associate of what was then the law firm of Venable, Miller, Parsons, and Kyle. On January 1, 1954, he was admitted to partnership in the firm, the name of which was changed at the time to Venable, Parsons, Kyle, and Hylton. In the course of his practice, Mr. Hylton has been active in civic and political affairs, with the result that he has been named to the Virginia State Republican Central Committee and the Norfolk City Republican Central Committee. He is a member, also, of the Virginia and American bar associations. At the Park Place Baptist Church of Norfolk, Mr. Hylton is a member of the finance committee and is director of the Training Union. He regards politics as his hobby. Fishing is his favorite sport.

On August 18, 1932, Mr. Hylton married Helen Broyles, a native of Monroe County, West Virginia, and daughter of A. G. and Josephine (Ballard) Broyles. Her father was also born in Monroe County, her mother in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The mother died in 1945. Mr. Broyles, who was a farmer in the Mountain State most of his life, is now retired and makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Hylton. In 1956 he celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday. Mrs. Hylton, a school teacher, is, like her husband, active in the Park Place Baptist Church. Her family has been in the New World since Colonial Days, and members of it have been in nearly all of the nation's wars, including the Revolution. She and her family reside at 1321 Brunswick Avenue, Norfolk. There are three children: 1. George P., III, born on July 3, 1934. 2. John A., born on November 18, 1936. 3. Robert L., born on December 27, 1938.

DONALD H. BURLAGE—The activity of the Burlage family in the automotive business has made that name familiar to virtually every Lower Tidewater resident. Donald H. Burlage operates D. H. Burlage and Company, an automobile dealership, and the Norfolk Auto Loan Corporation, of which he is president. Mr. Burlage, a Naval veteran of World War II, operates in other fields besides the automotive and enjoys an avocational reputation in the fishing and flying sports.

Born in New Vienna, Dubuque County, Iowa, on September 28, 1918, Mr. Burlage is the son of Alois and Cecelia (Schlichte) Burlage, both also natives of the Hawkeye State. Alois Burlage, a

farmer in Iowa for many years, has lived in Norfolk since his retirement in January 1944. Donald Burlage is one of ten children, seven of whom are living. He was educated in parochial schools in New Vienna.

In 1936, he enlisted in the United States Navy. Honorably discharged in 1940, he became a salesman for the City Motor Company, 861 Granby Street, Norfolk. He was with this concern until December 1942. At that time, he resigned to form a partnership with E. H. Lawrence. Their firm was known as The Granby Motor Company and maintained headquarters at 1218 Granby Street. In October 1944, Mr. Burlage returned to active duty with the Navy and served until December 1945.

Upon his return to Norfolk, he resumed his place in The Granby Motor Company, with which he was associated until July 1951. In 1949, he participated in the formation of the Granby Auto Loan Corporation, which handled financing for the Granby Motor Company. For a time he served as president of the Granby Insurance Agency, Inc.

In 1951, Mr. Burlage purchased his present properties and formed his own companies, notably the Norfolk Auto Loan Corporation and the D. H. Burlage & Company automobile dealership, both of which he has since been president. He is also secretary-treasurer of the Universal Finance Company, Inc., of Norfolk. His headquarters are still at 1218 Granby Street.

Recognized as a leader in his field of business, Mr. Burlage served four years as president of the Independent Auto Dealers Association of Norfolk. He is also a former chairman of that organization's board of directors and is a member at present of the board. Through one of his favorite sports and his interest in nature, he is prominent in the Izaak Walton League, of which he is a former director. Another organization in which he is well known is the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He is a licensed pilot, flies his own plane and in 1956 formed the Norfolk Flying Club, Incorporated, of which he is president. Other groups to which he belongs include the Lafayette Yacht Club, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Lakewood Civic League. In politics he is independent and by religion a Catholic. In addition to flying and fishing, he likes boating, duck hunting and skeet shooting. His home is at 1445 Waylon Avenue, Lakewood.

Mr. Burlage married Dorothy V. Bartol, daughter of Rudolph and Janie (Parr) Bartol, in Norfolk in May 1940. Her father, a native of Trieste, Italy, was superintendent of the Norfolk Municipal Hospital until his death in 1940. He is survived by Mrs. Bartol, who is a native of Nor-

folk. Mr. and Mrs. Burlage's five sons are: 1. Donald V., born on July 28, 1941. 2. Richard C., born on December 31, 1944. 3. Guy A., born on June 29, 1950. 4. and 5. Dennis J. and Dean E., twins, born on November 19, 1953.

EDWIN PAGE PRESTON—The contribution which the Preston family has made to progress in Virginia is well known. One of the members of the family currently engaged in the continuation of that contribution is Edwin Page Preston. A partner of his brother, John Baldwin Preston, in the law firm of Preston and Preston, he has made a reputation both in his profession and in community affairs. He is a veteran of World War II.

Edwin Page Preston was born in Norfolk on December 6, 1921, the son of Robert Baldwin Preston, Jr., a noted civil engineer, and Merle (Page) Preston. The activities of the family have been chronicled in a volume called "The Prestons of Virginia." Robert Baldwin Preston, Jr., the father, was a consulting engineer who served as Norfolk County Highway Commissioner and as chairman of the Hampton Roads Sewage Disposal Commission. He was county engineer of Norfolk County in the late 1920s and early 1930s and in the early period of the Public Works Administration served on its advisory board for the State of Virginia.

Edwin Page Preston attended Virginia Military Institute from 1939 to 1943. He was then commissioned in the United States Army Air Forces and as a first lieutenant served with the Fifth Air Force in the Pacific Theater of Operations until the Japanese surrender in 1945. From 1946 to 1948 he prepared for the legal profession at Washington and Lee University, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws in the latter year. He then followed up with postgraduate work at George Washington University, where he was awarded the degree of Master of Laws in 1950.

From 1948 to 1952, Mr. Preston was engaged in the practice of law at Kingsport, Tennessee. In the following two years he served as a claim adjuster for the State Farm Insurance Company in Richmond. Since 1954 he has been in general practice in Norfolk. His brother joined him on January 1, 1955. Their offices are in the Western Union Building. In 1951, Edwin Page Preston was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Kingsport. He worships in the Galilee Episcopal Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Mr. Preston married Jeanne Haines Schoenewolf of Emporia, Virginia, in 1946. They have three children: 1. Margaret Marston, born in 1947. 2. Merle Page, born in 1950. 3. William Tillar, born in 1952.



L. H. Cathey

Mr. Preston's home address is 119 Linkhorn Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

JOHN BALDWIN PRESTON—A variety of experiences, including World War II military service, behind him, John Baldwin Preston is now practicing law in his native city, Norfolk. Associated with his brother, Edwin Page Preston, in the law firm of Preston and Preston, he maintains offices in the Western Union Building. Before entering the profession, he was active in the insurance and automobile business, or a combination of both.

Born at Norfolk Protestant Hospital on September 9, 1924, Mr. Preston is the son of the late Robert Baldwin Preston, Jr., long a leader in the engineering profession, and Merle (Page) Preston. The father, who specialized in civil engineering, served Norfolk County as County Engineer and County Highway Commissioner. He was chairman of the Hampton Roads Sewage Disposal Commission for a period ending in 1939 and a member of the Virginia State advisory board for the Public Works Administration in the early 1930s.

John Baldwin Preston is a graduate of Meadowbrook Elementary, Blair Junior High and Granby High schools, Norfolk. In the year 1946-1947, he attended the University of Virginia and in 1953 he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. After his graduation from high school, he entered the United States Army and until the end of World War II in 1945 was attached to the Infantry. At first with the 291st Regiment (Headquarters Company), 75th Infantry Division, he served with the Second Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations, seeing action in Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, Huertgen Forest, and Central Europe campaigns and elsewhere and receiving five Battle Stars.

Mr. Preston continued and completed his education after returning to civilian life. Meantime, he also worked for various firms. From September 1, 1947 to February 1, 1948, he was manager of the Insurance Department of the Roughton Pontiac Company in Norfolk. In the next four months he was a salesman for this same firm. Then, on June 1, 1948, he was made field representative for the General Motors Corporation in Norfolk. In March 1949, he was promoted to district manager. This post he held until September 10, 1949, when he began his legal studies in Tennessee. After taking his law degree, Mr. Preston served as a claims adjuster with the State Farm Mutual Insurance Company, 1953 to 1955. On January 1, 1955, he joined his brother in the practice of law in Norfolk. An account of the life and career of Edwin Page Preston appears on other pages. A volume,

"The Prestons of Virginia," published some years ago, gives further particulars of the family.

John Baldwin Preston married Carol Richardson, daughter of Frank Cummins and Margaret (Little) Richardson, in Greenwood, Virginia, on June 28, 1947. They have two children: 1. Carol Page. 2. Keith Baldwin. The family now resides at Virginia Beach, Virginia, and attends the Galilee Episcopal Church.

LEWIS HENRY CATHEY—A vice president and director of The Coca-Cola Company, Lewis Henry Cathey was in charge of its bottling operation at Suffolk, being manager of the Suffolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works. His family has a long record of service with the beverage producers, and Mr. Cathey capably filled his present position for a quarter of a century.

Born at Pan Creek, North Carolina, on September 9, 1897, he is a son of Alonzo F. Cathey, whose biographical sketch is contained in this work. A resident of Norfolk from his early years, Lewis H. Cathey attended its public schools and graduated from Maury High School in 1918. He began his career in association with his father, who managed Coca-Cola's bottling operation in Norfolk, one of the oldest in the country.

With this background of experience, he came to Suffolk in 1923 to assume duties as manager of the plant there. He remained in that post until his death, and also held office as vice president and director of the parent company, as well as manager of the local works. The modern plant at Suffolk was erected in 1942, and forty-two people are employed at this West Washington Street location.

Mr. Cathey was vitally interested in civic affairs and good government, and he served on the Suffolk city council for eight years, retiring in 1951, having been elected to the office on the Democratic ticket. He was a director of the Tidewater Automobile Association. He served on the board of the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital in his home city since that institution was built and as treasurer of the Suffolk-Nansemond Tuberculosis and Health Association. He served on the board of the local chapter of the American Red Cross for over a score of years, and was chairman of the chapter in 1956. During World War II, he was vice president of the U. S. O. Club in Suffolk.

The program of the Boy Scouts of America was one of Mr. Cathey's major interests, and he worked on behalf of this great national youth organization for over three decades. For over fourteen years of that time, he was Boy Scout commissioner. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce for seventeen years, and held

the office of president twice. He was a member and past president of the Suffolk Rotary Club. His lodge affiliation was with the Knights of Pythias. A communicant of the Presbyterian Church in his home city, he was an elder of the congregation.

On April 8, 1922, Lewis Henry Cathey married Audrey Estelle Cocks of Norfolk, daughter of S. O. and Lottie B. (Burnett) Cocks. Mr. and Mrs. Cathey were the parents of three children: 1. Lewis Owen, who was born on November 21, 1923. He is now associated with the Suffolk County Coca-Cola Bottling Works. 2. Forrest Hugh, born on June 11, 1925. He too is with the Suffolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, in the capacity of assistant manager. Married to the former Miss Mary Jane Brooks, he is the father of two children. 3. Lola Mary, born on July 16, 1932. She is the wife of Roy G. Farless, and they have two children.

Lewis Henry Cathey died at Obici Memorial Hospital, Suffolk, February 20, 1958.

ALFRED SHAPLEIGH REILLEY—The early experience of Alfred Shapleigh Reilley in the automobile business and his subsequent interest in automobile financing had much to do with his entering the banking world and the success he has achieved in it. The third ranking officer of the Southern Bank of Norfolk, he is its senior vice president. He is a member of one of the nation's oldest families, known throughout the South.

Mr. Reilley, who is in charge of his bank's branch at 116-118 West Bute Street, Norfolk, was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on May 16, 1893. He is the son of James Eugene Reilley, who was in the wholesale furniture business, and Laura (Holmes) Reilley. He was only fifteen when, in May 1908, he was graduated from the Charlotte High School. He came to the Old Dominion to attend Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, where in 1912 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

In the next thirteen years Mr. Reilley was associated with various automobile agencies. From 1925 to 1929, he served as public relations representative for the Federal Finance Company of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Richmond, Virginia; the Commercial Investment Trust Corporation; and the Universal Credit Corporation of Norfolk.

In 1929 he was appointed manager of the automobile finance department of the Morris Plan Bank of Norfolk. He served with this institution, now the Bank of Virginia, through 1930. On March 4, 1934, he joined the staff of the Southern Bank of Norfolk as head of the automobile and house trailer finance department. He rose thereafter, step by

step, until he achieved his present high place in the bank's organization as senior vice president in charge of the West Bute Street Branch.

Mr. Reilley is a member of the Mayflower Society of North Carolina and Virginia; Norfolk Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Lafayette Yacht Club (charter member); and Epsilon Chapter (Washington and Lee University) of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He worships in the Second Presbyterian Church of Norfolk.

On October 21, 1919, at Mount Vernon, New York, Mr. Reilley, who had served as a sergeant with the American Expeditionary Force in France from February 16, 1918, to March 24, 1919, married Dorothy Goodwin Coleman. Mrs. Reilley, a native of Mount Vernon, New York, is the daughter of Frederick August and Sallie Leigh (Hardgrove) Coleman. Mr. and Mrs. Reilley have one daughter, Ruth Leigh, who was born at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on June 5, 1922. She was married to Dr. Fontaine Graham Jarman, Jr., at Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, on December 21, 1941, and is the mother of four children: 1. Dorothy Coleman. 2. Sally Long. 3. Fontaine Graham, III. 4. Shapleigh Reilley.

JOHN RANDOLPH DAVIS—In practice for nearly three decades, John Randolph Davis is a member of the law firm of Phipps and Davis, with offices in the Western Union Building, Norfolk. In the World War II period, he was enforcement attorney for the Office of Price Administration in Norfolk. Outside the profession of law, he is known for his interest in religious affairs.

Mr. Davis was born in Roanoke on February 27, 1905, the son of Flavius Eugene and Elizabeth Thurzetta (Thomas) Davis. Both parents were also natives of the Old Dominion, the father having been born in Petersburg, the mother in Pulaski. Flavius E. Davis, also a lawyer, practiced this profession for a time in Roanoke, but spent most of his working life in the milling business. As a miller he was a member of the firm of Gambill and Davis, which became Lindsay Robinson and Company. This concern was headquartered in Roanoke. Later Flavius Davis operated a similar business, under the name of the Davis Milling Company, in Norfolk. He was president of this company at the time of his death in 1941. Elizabeth Davis died in 1949.

John R. Davis began his education in the public schools of Roanoke, transferring to those of Norfolk when the family moved to that city. In June 1923, he was graduated from Maury High School, Norfolk. In the preparation he underwent to enter the legal profession, he spent five years in a combined pre-professional and law course at



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the University of Virginia. He received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in June 1931, and in June 1929, was admitted to the Virginia bar.

Mr. Davis formed his first association with his present partner, William M. Phipps, in the fall of 1930. They practiced together until June 1942, when Mr. Davis was appointed enforcement attorney for the Office of Price Administration. He held this office until December 31, 1946. On January 1, 1947, Mr. Davis and Mr. Phipps formed a partnership, Phipps and Davis, and then carried on a joint practice until it was dissolved on December 31, 1956. Since January 1, 1957, he has been a member of the firm of Davis and Boyd. Mr. Davis is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association and the Virginia Bar Association. He is a member of the vestry and is registrar of his church, which is of the Episcopal faith, and is a Democrat.

Mr. Davis married Mary Harrison, daughter of D. W. and Lillian (Steel) Harrison, in Norfolk on December 19, 1931. Both of Mrs. Davis' parents were born in Brunswick. Her father, who died in 1955, was at one time with the Seaboard Airline Railroad. In the last years of his life he raised tobacco in Brunswick County. Mrs. Davis is, like her husband, active in Episcopal church work and is a member of the King's Daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have four children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, born on August 16, 1933. She is a graduate of Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. She is married to Robert Featherston Barnes, of Enid, Oklahoma, who in June 1957, was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston. 2. Nancy Adeline, born on March 8, 1935, a graduate of Mary Washington College. 3. John Randolph, Jr., born on January 15, 1938. He was graduated from Maury High School, Norfolk, in June 1956. 4. Martha Lillian, born on November 12, 1943, a student at Blair Junior High School, Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Davis and their children live at 1435 Cedar Lane, Norfolk.

LEON E. WILLIAMS—Engaged in automobile retailing since the beginning of his career, Leon E. Williams heads his own agency, Williams Pontiac, Inc., in Hampton. He is active in the Hampton Retail Merchants Association, serving on its board of directors, and takes a vital interest in the programs of a number of other organizations.

Born at Stokesdale, North Carolina, on November 9, 1907, he is a son of John C. and Etta (Powell) Williams. Both parents are also natives of Stokesdale and are still living. John C. Williams has spent his life as a farmer there. Attending the public schools of the city of his birth, Leon E. Williams completed his secondary studies at Greensboro High School, graduating there in 1925.

He began his career in the automobile sales field.

For nine years he was employed by H. A. Moore Enterprises in its Columbia, South Carolina, office, and at the end of that time became manager of the company's Columbia branch. On severing his connection with that organization, he went to Georgia, where he was for several years the Chevrolet dealer at Toccoa.

On January 10, 1949, Mr. Williams purchased his present agency at Hampton, Virginia, and changed its name to Williams Pontiac, Inc. He has since been the president of this organization, which deals exclusively in Pontiac automobiles, one of the more popular products of the General Motors line. Both his showrooms and his service facilities are at 23 North King Street, and the used car department is located on Penbroke at King Street in Hampton. His firm gives employment to thirty-six people.

Mr. Williams is an active member of the Peninsula Automobile Dealers Association, and serves on the board of the Hampton Retail Merchants Association. He is a member of the Lions Club, Hampton Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Toccoa Lodge No. 309, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, which he joined while in Georgia. He has advanced through the higher bodies of Freemasonry, being a member of the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the commandery of the Knights Templar, and Yaarah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which is in Atlanta. He is also a member of the Hampton Yacht Club and American Yachtmen's Association. He and his family attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Williams is a Democrat in his politics.

At Charlotte, North Carolina, on May 8, 1927, Leon E. Williams married Freda E. Thomas of Fort Motte, that state, and daughter of Henry and Lena (Howell) Thomas. The couple have a son: Leon E., Jr., who graduated in architectural engineering from Clemson College. He is now associated with his father as vice president of Williams Pontiac, Inc. He married Mary Nell Rothel. Leon E. Williams is fond of outdoor pastimes, particularly boating and fishing.

JAMES A. ALBANO—The president and treasurer, and general manager, of Albano Cleaners, Inc., of Norfolk, James A. Albano is not only a capable business leader but a constructive force in civic affairs as well. Representing the third generation of the Albano family in Norfolk, he was born in that city on December 29, 1914, son of Nicholas and Annie (Moschette) Albano. His father was a lad of five when he arrived from his native Italy, in the company of his parents, Antonio and Anna Rosa (Mazzei) Albano. That was in 1872, and the family immediately settled in Norfolk. The

following year, Antonio Albano entered the trade of shoe cobbler, with an establishment on Park Avenue in that city. He became a substantial and respected citizen in Norfolk, where he lived out his life. He was a devout member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, as was his wife. He died in 1927, and she in 1954.

Their son Nicholas, father of James A. Albano, was reared and educated in Norfolk, and became prominent in the restaurant business and in real estate operations. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and although he never sought public office, he was a man of considerable influence in public affairs. Both he and his wife, the former Annie Moschette, formerly of Richmond, were members of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, and were active in charitable work. He died in 1955, and she, in 1953.

The only child of this couple, James A. Albano received his elementary and high school education in Norfolk, graduating from Maury High School in 1931. He then entered Georgetown University in Washington, D. C., where he graduated in 1936 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. On completing his college education, he took over management of the newly organized Albano Cleaners, Inc., which had been founded and incorporated late in 1935 by his father. Actual operation of the business, however, was not begun until April 1, 1936, by James Albano.

As president and manager of Albano Cleaners, Inc., James A. Albano has carried the enterprise forward in the intervening years, and it is now the largest and the most progressive organization of its kind in the region. It had its beginning in a small location at 429 West Olney Road, where it occupied only the first floor of the building. During the first four years (1936-1940), growth was slow and gradual. The firm then operated one truck, which covered the entire city. In 1937, Albano Cleaners, Inc., opened its first branch store, and in the course of the next four years, the number of branch stores was increased to five, and the number of trucks proportionately. With this country's entry into World War II, and the opening of army camps nearby, service was extended to Camp Pendleton and Fort Storey, where tailor shops were maintained on the posts. With the growing demand for service there, it soon became necessary to close the branch stores serving civilian customers, and during this time the original cleaning plant was completely remodeled and enlarged. Early in 1942, Albano Cleaners, Inc., began work for the Navy, and in the three years which followed, sixty-five per cent of the firm's total capacity was devoted to processing navy foul-weather clothing. The firm is particularly proud of its part in the

war effort. It was the first plant in the country to devote a considerable part of its processing capacity to renovating navy clothing. This work included not only cleaning but also waterproofing, repairing and refinishing of leather and special fabrics. Albano's was on annual contracts with the Bureau of Clothing in Washington, and these contracts called for the processing of forty-eight different items, which included not only clothing, but arctics, sun helmets and sleeping bags. During the war days, the plant was open two shifts, which covered the hours from seven in the morning until midnight. Due to space limitations at the Olney Road plant, it became necessary to transfer all repairing operations to another location. Two additional store-rooms were also rented to house the volume of work waiting to be processed.

At the close of the war, Albano Cleaners, Inc., again turned attention to building up civilian trade, which had necessarily been curtailed. All of the equipment of the plant was replaced during 1945-1946 and rearranged to fit the need for civilian custom. Additional routes were established, and at present twelve trucks collect and deliver in all sections of Norfolk, in which six branches are now located. Customers are served throughout the entire area with the exception of South Norfolk.

In January 1950, as the company began its fifteenth year, a new plant was erected at 34 West 22nd Street—the firm's present headquarters. The building had seventy-five hundred square feet of floor space, with parking and yard facilities covering sixteen thousand square feet. In 1954, plant facilities were increased to twelve thousand square feet and shirt laundering facilities were added. Now, twenty years after its founding, Albano's is considered one of the most modern organizations of its kind. There are over seventy-five people on the payroll. It has had the same ownership and management since its founding, with Mr. James A. Albano as president, treasurer and general manager. Other officials of the company are Joseph S. Albis, vice president, and Mildred J. Albano, secretary. The management has taken pride in adhering to its slogan, "Send with Confidence, Wear with Pride," and owes much of its success to long-standing friendships in customer relationship.

Mr. Albano is currently serving as president of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Dry Cleaners Association. He is a member of the Virginia Dry Cleaners Association, the Tri-State Dry Cleaners Association, comprising the states of Virginia and Maryland, and Washington, D. C., and the National Institute of Dry Cleaners. His civic activities include his membership in the 21st Street Area Association, of which he was president in 1955, and the Norfolk Civitan Club. He was president, in 1952, of the



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Ryan Club of Norfolk. One of the organizers of the Lafayette Yacht Club, he has served on its board of directors and as secretary-treasurer. He is a member of the board of directors of St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in Norfolk, and is currently vice president of the Bureau of Catholic Charities.

During World War II, when his firm was engaged in important war work, Mr. Albano himself was a member of the United States Coast Guard Reserve. He is a past commander of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Fond of all outdoor sports, he is particularly partial to boating. He is also an amateur floriculturist, successful in the raising of azaleas and camellias.

On September 10, 1938, at Richmond, James A. Albano married Mildred J. Albis, daughter of the late Joseph S. and Grace (Stagg) Albis, formerly of Richmond and now of Norfolk. Mrs. Albano is active in civic and cultural affairs, and is vice president of the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. She was president of the Lakewood Garden Club for the 1956 term, and is a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy. She and Mr. Albano are the parents of three children: 1. James A., Jr. born September 25, 1940. He is attending Norfolk Catholic High School. 2. Grace Anne, who was born August 28, 1942; a student at Blessed Sacrament Catholic School. 3. Lynne Marie, born October 15, 1945; a student at Christ the King Catholic School. The family are members of the Church of Christ the King in Norfolk.

RAYMOND WALLACE BEVERIDGE—

With experience in the automobile sales field dating back to the early years of his career, Raymond Wallace Beveridge now operates his own agency for the sale of Chevrolets at Hampton. He takes a particularly lively interest in lodge activities in that city, and also in groups whose members share yachting as a hobby.

He was born in the automobile city, Detroit, Michigan, on March 20, 1915, son of Arthur Raymond and Marie (Vezinaw) Beveridge. His father, also a native of Detroit, was a tool and die maker. He died in 1950, and is survived by his wife, now living in West Palm Beach. Raymond W. Beveridge attended the public schools of Detroit and graduated from high school there in 1933. For two years he was a student at the University of Michigan.

Early in his career, Mr. Beveridge spent five years in the Merchant Marine, and at the end of that time went to Charleston, South Carolina, where he joined his father-in law, Charles F. Johnson, who operated a Chevrolet dealership with branches throughout the Southeast. Their

association continued until June 1955, when Mr. Beveridge opened his present agency, Beveridge Chevrolet, Inc., which has its sales and service headquarters at 202 West Queen Street, Hampton. It is an efficiently managed organization of considerable size, employing fifty-five people.

In connection with his hobby of yachting, Mr. Beveridge is a member of the Hampton Yacht Club and the American Yachtsmen's Association. He is a member of the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. His Masonic blue lodge is Pythagoras Lodge No. 41 at Decatur, Georgia. He is a member of the Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at Atlanta, and as a member of the higher bodies of the order, belonging to Yaarab Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Also at Atlanta, he is a member of the Atlanta Athletic Club. He is a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church.

At Bowersville, Ohio, on September 4, 1938, Raymond Wallace Beveridge married Mary Elizabeth Stewart Johnson of Charleston, South Carolina, daughter of Charles F. and Edith (Kibbler) Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Beveridge have two children: 1. Barbara Rae, born May 24, 1939. 2. Elizabeth Anne, born May 27, 1944.

EDWARD SPALDING FEREBEE—Member of a family which has long been prominent in the life of the Lower Tidewater region, Edward Spalding Ferebee is an attorney and counsellor at law, whose offices are in the Bank of Commerce Building at Norfolk. He is a native of that city and was born on July 19, 1905, son of M. C. and Nettie (Spalding) Ferebee. His maternal grandparents were Judge Edward and Angie (Barr) Spalding, the former occupying the bench of the Court of Hustings of Norfolk County for many years, and before that time had practiced law in Norfolk. He had served in the Union forces in the war, and lived until 1919, when he died at the age of seventy-seven. The lawyer's father followed the banking profession, and was cashier of the National Bank of Commerce for thirty years. He retired in 1920 and died in 1934.

Reared and educated in Norfolk, Edward S. Ferebee graduated from Maury High School in 1921. Until 1925 he was a student at Virginia Military Institute, and in that year received his degree of Bachelor of Arts there. He was awarded the second Jackson-Hope Medal to be conferred on a student at that institute. He went on to professional studies at Harvard Law School, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1928.

Admitted to practice in the state of Virginia,

he opened offices in Norfolk in partnership with J. Walter White under the firm name of Ferebee and White. They continued their professional association until 1936, and Mr. Ferebee has practiced independently since that time. He was absent, however, at the time of World War II, entering the United States Army in 1942 and serving until 1946. He spent some time in the Pacific Theater of Operations, and participated in three major campaigns. He completed his active service with the rank of lieutenant colonel, and remained in the Reserve Corps. Continuing his practice of law uninterruptedly since the war, Mr. Ferebee is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

He is a member and past president of the Norfolk V.M.I. Club, and a charter member of the Optimist Club of that city, which he served as its first president. He is also past president of Norfolk Goodwill Industries, Inc. He is active in the Young Men's Christian Association, and is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Sewells Point Golf Club. Golf is his favorite outdoor pastime.

Mr. Ferebee is also active in the work of his church, the Epworth Methodist. He is a member and past president of the Wesleyan Men's Bible Class there, and has served on the board of stewards since 1928.

Miss Gladys Pleasants Woodall of Baltimore, Maryland, became the wife of Edward Spalding Ferebee on April 14, 1936. She is the daughter of James H. and Ida (Powers) Woodall. Her father, who was born in Baltimore, was president of the firm of William E. Woodall and Son, a shipbuilding corporation in Baltimore. He died in 1934. Her mother, the former Ida Powers, was the great-granddaughter of James Pleasants, onetime Governor of Virginia. She died in 1942. Mr. and Mrs. Ferebee have no children. They make their home at 417 Ridgeley Road, Norfolk.

LEWIS H. HALL, JR.—Now senior partner in the firm of Hall, Martin and Smith, Lewis H. Hall, Jr., has practiced at Newport News since he was admitted to the bar about a decade and a half ago. He was absent at the time of World War II, serving in the Merchant Marine.

Born at Battery Park, Isle of Wight County, on October 5, 1907, he is a son of Levin Henry, and Mary Elizabeth (White) Hall. His father, who was born in Somerset County, Maryland, was a seafaring man. At the time of his death in 1954, he was in his ninetieth year. His wife, the former Mary Elizabeth White, was

born at Dare in York County, Virginia, and she is still living.

Receiving his early education in the public schools, the younger Lewis H. Hall graduated from Morrison High School in 1925. Some years later he attended Wofford College, at Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1937. He received his legal education at Fordham University in New York City, which he attended for a year and a half.

On July 18, 1942, Mr. Hall was admitted to the bar, but the same year he entered wartime service with the United States Merchant Marine. He served at sea until October 1945, and was commissioned chief officer of his ship.

Since his return to civilian life, Mr. Hall has practiced law at Newport News. He joined W. Worth Martin in the law partnership of Hall and Martin; and with the recent admittance of Douglas M. Smith as a member, the firm became known as Hall, Martin and Smith. They conduct a general practice in all courts, and take special interest in cases involving insurance and admiralty law. Offices are in the Law Building.

Active in the Newport News Bar Association, Mr. Hall was its president in 1953. He is also a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the International Association of Insurance Counsel.

Mr. Hall's fraternity is Kappa Sigma, and he is a member of Lodge No. 317, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Newport News, and of the James River Country Club. He attends Aldersgate Methodist Church, serves on its official board, and teaches a men's Bible class. His political allegiance is to the Democratic party. Fond of the out-of-doors, Mr. Hall's favorite pastimes are boating, fishing and gardening.

On July 5, 1941, at Denton, Texas, Lewis H. Hall, Jr., married Isabel Thomas of that city, daughter of Allie S. and Josie (Robertson) Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are the parents of a daughter, Isabel Thomas, who was born on December 22, 1944.

WILLIAM STANLEY WILDER—In an interesting career centered entirely in the theater industry, William S. Wilder of Norfolk advanced on his own merits from a position as usher to the ownership and management of several motion picture houses. His fondness for the theater is reflected in this commentary on his career by Warner Twiford, appearing in a local newspaper:

The movies were his vocation—a vocation for which he had both genius and aptitude—but for the stage he cherished



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an impulsive affection that often moved him to take during financial risks, and often to sustain heavy losses in unsuccessful ventures.

A native of Portsmouth, he was born on October 31, 1890, son of Ernest Everett and Katherine (Goodson) Wilder. Both of his parents were likewise natives of Portsmouth. In the schools of that city, William S. Wilder received his education, and at the age of seventeen, began his career in the theater industry, in which he was to remain active for nearly four decades. His first job was as usher, a position he filled during after-school hours at the Orpheum Theater.

He soon accepted a position as head usher at the Colonial Theater in Norfolk. When a vacancy occurred in the post of advertising agent with that theater, he was called on to fill it. At that time his position was a diverse one, and Mr. Wilder not only sold the theater's product, but participated in production as well. He operated the spotlight system, and from time to time appeared as supernumerary in standard vaudeville acts. On several occasions he entertained as a singer.

In such minor roles, he proved his aptitude as an actor, and was offered a part in the cast of McIntyre and Heath's stage success, "The Ham Tree." He turned down this and other offers, however, and went to Ocean View to become cashier of the Ocean View Ballroom. A short time later he returned to Norfolk as a member of the staff of the Wells Theater, at the time when that former playhouse became a motion-picture theater.

He later went to Richmond to manage the Strand Theater, but returned to Norfolk not long afterwards to assume management of the Granby. In the years which followed he managed the Strand and American theaters, on Granby Street, and later the Norva, which had recently been opened. With a change in ownership of the Norva, Mr. Wilder left theater management for a time and turned his attention to newsreel photography. This work brought with it travel and a modicum of excitement, but he considered that there was a greater future in theater management, and it was that phase of the industry which held his consistent interest.

Accordingly, in 1928 he returned once again to Norfolk and opened the Newport Theater. An editorial in the pages of a local paper had commented concerning this event: "Mr. Wilder's opening of the Newport Theatre in 1928 is a kind of local cinematic landmark, the symbolic beginning of the around-the-corner movie house, which has resulted today in more theatres in Norfolk than in any other city in the state." Within a few years' time he had built up a chain of theaters

which bears his name, erecting or acquiring the Colley in Norfolk, the Gates, Virginia and Commonwealth, in Portsmouth, and the Warwick, in Newport News. For a time he operated the Grandin, in Roanoke, and the Center Theater in the U.S.O. Auditorium in Norfolk. The latter was conducted as a wartime enterprise for armed forces personnel, combining vaudeville with motion pictures.

For many years, Mr. Wilder was working so hard building up his theater chain that he had little time left for outside activities. In his later years, however, he took a fuller part in organizational connections. He was president of the Motion Picture Theatre Owners of Virginia in 1936, and he held membership in the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. Yachting was one of his hobbies, and his craft "Shangri-La" was one of the most attractive in the harbor. He was also fond of horses. Active in Masonry, he was a member of the local blue lodge, and of the higher bodies of the order, including the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Khedive Temple, where he was serving as Potentate at the time of his death. He also took an interest in Lions International, and was a former member of the Norfolk Lions Club and a lifetime honorary member of the club at Portsmouth.

He was a devoted supporter of the program of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and had served several terms as its president. An Episcopalian in his religious faith, he attended the Church of the Good Shepherd.

At High Point, North Carolina, on July 6, 1914, William S. Wilder married Myde Brown. Born in that city on September 30, 1895, she is a daughter of Lewis Augustus and Julia (Myers) Brown. Her father, a native of Danville, Virginia, was a restaurateur. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder became the parents of two children: 1. Keith, who was born March 6, 1938. 2. Reid, born January 17, 1943.

Mr. Wilder's death occurred at his home near Virginia Beach on May 22, 1946.

J. PAUL SMITH—Vice president and cashier of the Merchants and Planters Bank of Norfolk, J. Paul Smith also serves on its board of directors.

A native of the Mount Pleasant Community of Norfolk County, he was born on June 15, 1902, son of Joseph T. and Catherine (Halstead) Smith. His father, who died in 1920, was a substantial farmer of Norfolk County. His mother died in 1952 at the age of eighty-seven. Of the five children born to this couple, J. Paul Smith is the youngest. His boyhood was passed in South Norfolk, where his parents had made their home

from 1905. He graduated from the South Norfolk High School in 1919, and in 1921 began his career in the banking profession with the Merchants and Planters Bank, of the Berkley section of Norfolk. He joined the bank's staff as a runner, and continuing at its main office, won promotions to teller and assistant cashier. He held the latter position in 1926 when he was transferred to the Campostella Branch under the late Howard G. Martin.

In 1931, Mr. Smith was transferred to the South Norfolk Branch of the Merchants and Planters Bank, and for the past twenty-five years has played a considerable personal part in its growth. In 1950, he received the joint promotion to vice president and cashier of the Merchants and Planters Bank, to serve as officer in charge of the South Norfolk Branch. In 1952, he was elected to its board of directors.

Since 1943, Mr. Smith has served as a member of the board of directors of the Atlantic Permanent Building and Loan Association, Inc. He is secretary and a member of the board of directors of the South Norfolk Bridge Commission, Inc. He is a member of the Virginia Bankers Association, the American Bankers Association, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and the Chesapeake Avenue Methodist Church, where he has served on both the board of trustees and the board of stewards.

On November 17, 1926, at Norfolk, J. Paul Smith married Grace Armistead White, daughter of the late John Earle and Rebecca Frances (Dashiell) White of Norfolk. Mrs. Smith is a graduate of Maury High School and Harrisburg Teachers College. She is a member of St. Bride's Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three children: 1. J. Paul, Jr., born October 7, 1927, at Norfolk. He served in the United States Army in the closing years of World War II. He took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Virginia, and his degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Virginia, where he graduated in 1955. He is now serving his residency at Norfolk General Hospital. 2. Claude Armistead, born October 3, 1931. He graduated from Maury High School in 1949; in 1954 received his degree of Bachelor of Arts after having taken the premedical courses at the University of Virginia. He married Jane Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Smith, III, of Norfolk. 3. George Halstead, born January 7, 1946.

GRANGER WEST—Practicing law in Newport News for the past twenty years, Granger West is now a member of the firm of Murray, Ford, West and Wilkinson, with offices in the First National Bank Building. He is a veteran

of naval service in World War II, and is quite active in professional, civic and fraternal groups.

Born at Newport News on February 27, 1913, Mr. West is a son of Robert D. and Cary (Dunn) West. Both parents are living. His father is a native of Elizabeth City County, and his mother of York County. Granger West was reared in Newport News and attended its public schools. He graduated from high school there in 1930, and in 1936 received his degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Richmond. Admitted to the bar in 1935, he began practice after his graduation, establishing offices in his own name at Newport News. He continued independently, in a general practice of law, until April 1937. At that time he became an associate in the firm of Lett, Murray and Ford. In January 1947, the present firm of Murray, Ford, West and Wilkinson was formed with Mr. West as a partner.

He was absent from his practice and his city at the time of World War II, serving in the United States Navy for nearly three years and holding a lieutenant's commission.

Mr. West is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a loyal Democrat, although not an active one in the sense of participating in party councils or seeking elective office. He enjoys membership in Lodge No. 315 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Peninsula Lodge No. 278, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he is a member of the higher bodies, including St. John's Chapter No. 57, Royal Arch Masons, and Hampton Commandery No. 17, Knights Templar. Mr. West is also a member of Phi Gamma Delta and Omicron Delta Kappa fraternities, and in his own city of Newport News, he belongs to the Lions Club and the James River Country Club. His favorite sport is golf. He is a member of the 24th Street Church of Christ.

On July 13, 1934, Granger West married Helen Wright of Moundsville, West Virginia, daughter of C. C. and Katherine (Long) Wright. Mr. and Mrs. West have two children: 1. Richard Wright, who was born on June 3, 1938. 2. Sara Katherine, born April 16, 1942.

HERMAN MCCOY JONES—President and general manager of Tyree-Jones Motor Corporation, at 1300 High Street in Portsmouth, Herman McCoy Jones operates Tidewater Virginia's oldest Ford dealership. He has been prominent in the automobile sales field since 1922 and through the years has made a significant contribution to its development in his region. He was attracted to the then infant



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automobile industry in boyhood days and became active in it as soon as he had completed his education. In the years since the founding of the Tyree-Jones Motor Corporation in 1922, he has become a leader in his field and also in civic affairs.

Born in Norfolk on September 5, 1897, he is a son of Josiah Thomas and Daisy (McCoy) Jones of that city. His father, who died in 1933, became prominent in the operation of barber shops, operating a chain of them in Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Richmond. He also engaged in the real estate business.

Herman M. Jones passed his boyhood in Norfolk, where he completed his public school education at Maury High School. During World War I he served in the United States Marine Corps. His experience in automobile sales predated his military service, for he had been employed for a time, after graduating from high school, by the Ford Motor Car Company, a Ford sales agency located at Granby and Olney Road in Norfolk. After the War he re-entered the field as a salesman with the Johnston Motor Company of Norfolk, remaining with that firm until 1922.

At that time he joined William P. Tyree in purchasing from Nathan Metzger the Ford Agency in Portsmouth. This the partners renamed the Tyree-Jones Motor Corporation. In 1926 Mr. Jones acquired Mr. Tyree's interest in the agency and has since continued as its owner, president, and general manager.

At the sales and service center on High Street, "Tidewater's Oldest Ford Dealer" maintains a fully trained sales and service personnel and the latest factory-approved equipment for complete service to the motoring public.

Mr. Jones is a member of the board of directors of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Automobile Dealers Association. He is also a member of the Automobile Old Timers, Virginia Automobile Trade Association, and National Automobile Dealers Association.

Active in other business connections besides his agency, he serves on the Portsmouth board of the Bank of Virginia and is secretary and treasurer of the Portsmouth Insurance and Investment Corporation. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, serves as secretary of the Tidewater Development Council, and is a member of the board of the Portsmouth General Hospital. He is a Rotarian, who serves on the board of the local club, and is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club, and Seaboard Lodge No. 56, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he is a member of the higher bodies, belonging to Mount Horeb Chapter of the

Royal Arch Masons; and he also belongs to Washington Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. As a veteran of Marine Corps service in World War I, he belongs to Post No. 37 of the American Legion at Portsmouth.

Mr. Jones and his wife attend Monumental Methodist Church at Portsmouth. He is fond of outdoor sports, his favorite diversions being golf and fishing.

Herman McCoy Jones married Margaret Loder West of Norfolk, the ceremony taking place in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Jones reside at Waterview Apartments in Portsmouth and have a summer home at Virginia Beach.

L. DOW LEDBETTER—A certified public accountant, L. Dow LedBetter practices at Norfolk, and is a member of the accounting firm of Edmondson, LedBetter and Ballard with offices in the National Bank of Commerce Building. He has been a member of the organization since 1941, and since that time it has attracted as its clients some of the major commercial and industrial firms of the Tidewater area.

Mr. LedBetter was born on April 25, 1900, at Mount Gilead, North Carolina, son of the late Burwell Harris and Mary Ann (Williams) LedBetter, who were likewise natives of the state and of colonial ancestry. His father was a cotton factor, who died in 1935 at the age of seventy. Mrs. LedBetter died in 1940 in her seventy-second year. Both of Mr. LedBetter's grandfathers served in the Confederate States Army.

Receiving his public elementary and high school education in the place of his birth, Mr. LedBetter enlisted in the United States Army in 1916. Following his basic training at Columbus Barracks in Ohio, he was assigned to Company H, Seventh United States Infantry Regiment, stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, for Mexican border duty. When this country entered World War I, in April 1917, he was transferred with his unit to Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and was stationed there until his regiment was sent to Camp Greene, Charlotte, North Carolina, to become a part of the Third Division, Regular Army. There he was among a group selected to comprise the Seventh Machine Gun Battalion, Motorized, which served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, arriving there in March 1918. With his unit he participated in all major campaigns in which our forces took part from that time until October 4, 1918. He was then selected for Officers Training School at Langres, France. While in training there, he was stricken with typhoid fever, and was a patient at the hospital when the armistice was signed on November

11, 1918. Returning to the United States in March 1919, he was assigned to duty with the Port Personnel Adjutant at Norfolk, was furloughed to the United States Reserves in December, and received his honorable discharge in June 1920.

Mr. LedBetter began his business career with the Cotton Oil Refining Corporation in his native city of Mount Gilead following his army service. He also completed a business course at Kings College in Raleigh, and from 1921 to 1923 was employed as business secretary with the Young Men's Christian Association at Richmond, Virginia, Augusta, Georgia, and Portsmouth, Virginia. From 1923 to 1926, he was employed as office manager by a truck-packing corporation at Churchland, Virginia.

In 1926 he entered the practice of accounting as a member of the staff of the late J. A. D. Parrish, who headed a prominent accounting firm in Norfolk. He was admitted as a Certified Public Accountant on passing the examination of the Virginia State Board of Accounting in 1933.

Since January 1941, he has been a member of the firm of Edmondson, LedBetter and Ballard. He is licensed to practice before the United States Treasury Department and the United States Tax Court, and is a member of the American Institute of Accountants and the Virginia Society of Public Accountants.

Mr. LedBetter is a Kiwanian, and a member of the Elizabeth Manor Country Club of Portsmouth. He serves on the boards of directors of several corporations, including the Bynum Finance Corporation of Portsmouth. He is a member of the Ocean Park Chapel Church, a nondenominational congregation.

On March 22, 1924, L. Dow LedBetter married Helen Gouding of Natick, Massachusetts. They are the parents of two sons: 1. B. Harris LedBetter, 2nd, who is in business in Warwick. 2. J. Winslow LedBetter, M.D., a physician and neurologist.

I. LEAKE WORNOM, JR.—A lawyer who has practiced in Newport News since 1951, I. Leake Wornom is now a member of the firm of Patten and Wornom, with offices in the First National Bank Building. He is also serving as assistant city attorney. Mr. Wornom is a veteran of naval service in World War II, and is active in a number of fraternal groups as well as civic organizations.

He is one of the younger professional men of Newport News, having been born in that city on December 29, 1926, son of I. Leake, Sr., and Florence (Moore) Wornom. Both of his parents are natives of York County, Virginia. His father has been engaged in the life insurance business in

Newport News. In that city, the attorney received his public school education, and graduated from high school in 1943. He went on to the University of Richmond, and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts there in 1947, completing his advanced academic courses in the usual period of four years despite the fact that he was absent for twenty-two months serving in the United States Navy. He served until August 1946. For his law studies, Mr. Wornom entered Washington and Lee University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1950.

Meantime, in 1949, he had been admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia. Since 1951 he has practiced in Newport News, and on July 1, 1954, became a member of the firm of Patten and Wornom. His partner is Neal J. Patten. Mr. Wornom is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

He is now serving in his first public office at the municipal level, as assistant city attorney of Newport News. A member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, he holds the office of president. He is a member of Kappa Sigma and Phi Beta Kappa national scholastic honor society, and of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and the Order of the Coif. Being fond of golf, Mr. Wornom holds membership in the James River Country Club.

In Hampton, on June 25, 1954, I. Leake Wornom, Jr., married Jean Amory, daughter of Milburn M. Amory, who has a biography in this work, and his wife, the former Bessie Satchell. Mr. and Mrs. Wornom have one son: I. Leake, 3rd, who was born on July 21, 1955.

CLINTON E. THURSTON, JR., is now the president of the Norfolk firm of C. E. Thurston and Sons, Inc., which was founded many years ago by his father. It engages in insulation and refractory contracting, distribution of mill, marine and industrial supplies, and has its headquarters at 30-32 Commercial Place, Norfolk. Its present executive head has proved his leadership not only in business affairs, but in community and trade groups as well.

He was born on March 23, 1913, in Norfolk, son of Clinton E., Sr., and Eulalia E. (Brown) Thurston. Both parents were born in King and Queen County. His father received his education in the schools of West Point, Virginia, and began his career as an employee of the Norfolk City Health Department, serving as custodian of the Norfolk Smallpox Isolation Hospital for five years. He then trained himself as a marine engineer, and worked for the Merchant Marine until 1918. He was active in coastwise shipping until 1919, when he became an industrialist in his own right with the founding of C. E. Thurston. Initially, he devoted his at-



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Their son, Clinton E., Jr., was reared and educated in Norfolk, and graduated from Maury High School in 1931. He then enrolled at Virginia Military Institute, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1935. Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Reserves, he was called into active service in 1941, and served throughout World War II as commanding officer of the 224th Field Artillery Battalion. This unit was a component of the 29th Division. Mr. Thurston was wounded in the war. He was separated from the service December 23, 1945; but during 1946-1947, served as a commanding officer of a Virginia National Guard unit, the 111th Field Artillery Battalion.

When he returned to civilian life he joined his father's company, and as previously stated was named president in August 1947. The firm has continued its steady growth and excellent record of service in the period of nearly eleven years under his leadership. It now employs one hundred and fifty people, besides a staff of eight traveling representatives. Branch offices are maintained in Richmond and Roanoke.

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He was a native of Oil City, Pennsylvania, and was born on February 15, 1883, son of Henry and Sarah (Blackwell) Lewis. Spending his boyhood years in Oil City, he received his education in private schools. He also attended Cornell University at Ithaca, New York. Shortly afterwards he moved to Norfolk, where he entered the newspaper industry. In 1923 he joined S. L. Slover of that city, in acquiring stock interest in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Five years later he purchased controlling interest in the Petersburg Progress-Index; and he served as president of the Progress-Index Corporation and of the Lewis-Huber Newspapers Corporation. When the Ledger-Dispatch and the Virginia-Pilot were consolidated at Norfolk in 1933, Mr. Lewis was named vice president of the firm which emerged to publish the new newspaper, the corporation being known as Norfolk Newspapers, Inc. He continued in that executive post until his final illness, and was also a member of the board of the Times-Dispatch in Richmond.

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In his later years he was board chairman of Lewis-Huber Newspapers Corporation and the Progress-Index Corporation, and was a director of the National Bank of Commerce in Norfolk.

Concerning Mr. Lewis' qualities as a newspaper publishing executive, a colleague who had worked with him for some time wrote:

... Those who worked most closely with Mr. Lewis knew best his modesty, his courtesy, his friendliness, and his personal kindness. He enjoyed human contacts. He could surprise his associates with exact knowledge about out-of-the-way facts which would send most people running to dictionaries and encyclopedias. Entirely unostentatious, he was also frank and direct in expressing his views when the occasion demanded it; yet he had unusual patience with others and a willingness to listen to their opinions. These were intimate qualities which we think of now. The public achievement of greatest distinction was Mr. Lewis' administration of his newspaper interests in the endeavor to live up to the responsibilities they created.

Mr. Lewis was affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, a member of Ruth Lodge No. 89. He was a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. One of his avocations was travel, an interest which contributed its share to a world view which made him a more effective publisher. He had toured Europe and the Orient extensively.

On December 8, 1910, Frederick Lewis married Miss Mary Amerman of Scranton, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Lemuel and Mary (Van Nort) Amerman. The couple were married in New York City. Mrs. Lewis continues to maintain the family home at 556 Mowbray Arch, Norfolk. The couple were the parents of three children: 1. Mary, who married E. Paul duPont, Jr., of Wilmington, Delaware. They are the parents of two children: i. E. Paul duPont, III. ii. A. Felix duPont, IV. 2. Thomas A. He married Natalia Thebaud of Greenwich, Connecticut. They reside in Santiago, Chile, and are the parents of two children: i. Thomas A., Jr. ii. Anna Van Nort. 3. Frederick, Jr. Now residing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he is married to the former Miss Patricia Goodrich of Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have three children: i. Eric. ii. Mary Diane. iii. Melissa Ann.

Mr. Lewis' death, on November 29, 1953, marked the close of a most useful and influential career. In the columns of one of his papers, the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, his place in the life of his region was appraised in these words:

... His death ... marks the end of a career of achievement in modern newspaper publishing which in important respects was unusual and almost unique in this State.

In this newspaper organization, and in a building which he played a leading part in locating and supervising during its construction, many men and women who valued Mr. Lewis for his fine qualities feel especially the impact of this loss... [His] combination of interests Mr. Lewis administered with the precise care, administrative skill, and personal integrity

which were among his chief characteristics. He did so with awareness of the public responsibilities involved in modern newspaper publishing...

WALTER L. DEVANY, JR.—With long experience in the practice of law in various cities of Virginia, Walter L. Devany, Jr., has centered his activities at Norfolk since shortly after World War I. He has distinguished himself in a number of public offices, and now practices as a member of the firm of Devany and Redfern, with offices in the National Bank of Commerce Building.

Born at Wakefield, Virginia, on June 2, 1887, he is a son of Dr. Walter L. and Anna (Wells) Devany. His father, born in Southampton County in 1861, was a physician who commenced practice in 1885, and served the people of Wakefield and later of Dendron. He died in 1931. Mrs. Devany, a native of Petersburg, died in 1935 at the age of seventy.

Receiving his early education in private schools, Walter L. Devany, Jr., attended Randolph-Macon Academy and Randolph-Macon College, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1907. He taught school for a year, then entered the University of Virginia to prepare himself for a career in the law. At the end of two years there, he was admitted to the bar and began practice in 1910. His first office was at Dendron, where his father practiced medicine. He continued in practice there until January 1, 1916, and from 1912 to 1915, served as commonwealth attorney. He next moved to Hopewell, and there was elected judge of the corporation in 1916, serving to July 1917. He remained in Hopewell until he came to Norfolk in March 1919. At Norfolk, he continued his record of capable and devoted service in public office, serving as city attorney of South Norfolk for one year. Since that time, however, he has devoted himself to private practice. He continued independently for some years, and in November 1953, formed his present partnership with William A. Redfern, Jr.

He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, Virginia State Bar Association, and the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, and of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. Active in the fraternal life of his city, he has held membership in the lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and is a Democrat in his politics.

On November 15, 1916, Walter L. Devany, Jr., married Jacqueline Segar Epes, daughter of Freeman F. and Rebecca (Robinson) Epes. Both of her parents were born in Kansas, and her father became a fertilizer manufacturer in that state,



F. Whitney Godwin

where he lived until his death in 1916. Mrs. Epes survived him until 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Devany are the parents of four children: 1. Anne, who was born on March 31, 1919. She married William E. Wood of Kempsville, a farmer and merchant, and they have one child, William Breckenridge Wood, born in January 1946. 2. Walter L., III, born March 16, 1921. He took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at the College of William and Mary and his Bachelor of Laws degree at the University of Virginia. He is now working for the Federal government in its anti-trust division. 3. Frances, who was born on June 12, 1923. She is the wife of L. C. Shackleford, who is a planter in Montrose, Arkansas. They have four children: i. L. C., Jr., born in August 1945. ii. Rebecca Blanche, born in 1947. iii. Frances Wilson, born in 1949. iv. Gladys, born in 1951. 4. Rebecca Bland, who was born in 1926, and who is in the Women's Army Corps with the rank of first lieutenant. Mrs. Devany is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is active in the Presbyterian Church. The family's residence is at 1342 Westover Avenue.

FRANK WHITNEY GODWIN, D.D.S.—Although he retired some years ago from his practice as a dentist, Dr. F. Whitney Godwin has remained prominent in the affairs of Suffolk as a business man, with the management of real estate holdings as his major interest. He has been active as a Legionnaire, and has gone abroad in the service of his country.

Born at Chuckatuck, in Nansemond County, on March 15, 1895, he is a son of Charles B. and Martha Carroll (Whitney) Godwin. His father too had been born at Chuckatuck, and his mother near there, and both are now deceased. F. Whitney Godwin attended public and private schools at Chuckatuck, and Fork Union Military Academy, where he was president of his class and captain of his company of cadets. After graduating there in 1914, he entered the University of Richmond, and went from there to professional studies at the Medical College of Virginia. After one year there, he transferred to Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, where in 1921 he received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.

Dr. Godwin's studies had, however, been interrupted by military service in World War I. In 1917 he entered Officers Training Camp at Fort Myer, Virginia, where he received his commission as second lieutenant in the infantry. He was then assigned to the Fifth Division, which was training at Camp Green in Charlotte. With this division, he sailed for France in April 1918, and partici-

pated in action in the Anould Sector, the St. Dié Sector, the St. Mihiel offensive and the Argonne-Meuse offensive. He was wounded at Bois-des-Rappes, near Verdun, on October 13, while commanding Company F, 61st Infantry. In June 1918, he served with the French Army in the Sixth Battalion, 226th French Alpine Chasseurs, in the Vosges Mountains. After two and one-half months in hospital recovering from his wounds, Dr. Godwin was reassigned to his old division, which was then performing occupation duties, and he was stationed on the Moselle River and in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. In July 1919, he returned to the United States, and was later commissioned a captain of infantry in the United States Army Reserve Corps.

He then resumed his studies at Baltimore, graduated in 1921 as mentioned above, and began his dental practice in New York City, in association with Dr. James Kendall Burgess. After one year there, he returned to Suffolk, where he has resided ever since. He practiced dentistry there from 1922 until 1939, when he retired. Since that time he has devoted his attention to business interests, particularly the management of his real estate holdings, and has offices at 114 North Saratoga Street.

Since his period of military service, Dr. Godwin has continued to take a great interest in Legion affairs. He was twice commander of Suffolk Post No. 57; has been district commander, departmental vice-commander, and national executive committeeman from Virginia; and in 1936, at the St. Louis convention, was elected national vice commander and assigned a large territory, which included supervision of the Departments of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa and Canada. In 1927 he toured Europe with the American Legion, and again joined their pilgrimage in 1937. He was a delegate representing the national organization at the International Federation of World War Veterans collaborating for world peace, at Brussels in 1935, and at similar congresses at Paris (1937) and Bucharest (1938). At the third of these, he was elected international vice president, and president of the American Section. In 1939, all arrangements had been made for him to attend the Belgrade Congress in Yugoslavia, but four days before he was to sail, Hitler's forces invaded Poland, and plans for the congress were cancelled.

In July 1937, the United States Government, through General Pershing and the national commander of the American Legion, designated Dr. Godwin a member of the official delegation headed by the Hon. Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, to attend the dedication of all battle

monuments erected by this government on European soil, in commemoration of World War I military actions.

When it became evident that many veterans of World War II would join the ranks of the American Legion, it was realized that more adequate quarters would be needed, and Dr. Godwin was appointed general chairman of a committee for the purpose of building or purchasing a structure suitable for this use in his own community. The American Legion Home on North Main Street was the result of this committee's efforts. In 1931, he had been named general chairman of the Suffolk-Nansemond County World War Memorial Committee, organized to raise funds to erect a memorial to the memory of the men of the area who had lost their lives in the war. His efforts were crowned by the erection of one of the most impressive monuments in Virginia, and on the day of its dedication he was tendered a testimonial banquet by the community as a token of their appreciation. He was also presented with a gold watch and chain with the Legion emblem.

When Dr. Godwin was elected national vice commander of the American Legion in 1936, he was tendered a testimonial in Suffolk on his return home, and this proved to be one of the largest ever witnessed in the community. The governor, and the state's senators and congressional representatives were represented, as well as twenty ex-servicemen who were members of the General Assembly of Virginia, mayors of neighboring cities, and high ranking army and navy officers being present. Dr. Godwin's military awards include the Purple Heart, the Victory Medal with battle clasps, the Occupation Medal (all United States decorations), Soldiers Medal of Honor (Greece), Medal of Verdun (France) and Chevalier of the Imperial Order of St. Nicholas (conferred by the Russia of the old régime). He was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross in 1918.

Dr. Godwin takes a great interest in local affairs. He is a director and former vice president of the Louise Obici Memorial Hospital; is a director, and member of the executive committee, the trust committee, and the discount committee of the American Bank and Trust Company; and is president and director of the Riverview Land and Investment Company, the focal point of his realty interests. He was formerly a director of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond. Interested in floriculture, he was a director of the Suffolk Floral Gardens, and is an honorary member of the Nansemond River Garden Club. He was president of the Suffolk Lions Club, and is a member of the Portsmouth Executives Club, the Horse Associa-

tion of America, the Governor of Virginia's Military Test Committee, and the American Legion. He served as member and chairman of the Suffolk city school board.

In Suffolk, on November 10, 1923, F. Whitney Godwin married Judith Brewer of that city, daughter of Colonel Richard L. and Lelia (Vellines) Brewer. Her father, born near Suffolk, was for three terms speaker of the House of Representatives and for twenty-two years represented Suffolk and Nansemond counties in the General Assembly of Virginia, and was an extensive real estate owner. His wife, the former Lelia Vellines, was born in Isle of Wight County. In 1921, Mrs. Godwin was appointed by the Governor of Virginia to unveil the statue of George Washington in Trafalgar Square, London. It had been presented to the Commonwealth of Great Britain by the people of Virginia. While there, Mrs. Godwin was presented at Buckingham Palace to Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary. Dr. and Mrs. Godwin became the parents of two daughters: 1. Martha Brewer, who was born on April 26, 1926. She married Curtis Saunders, Jr., and they have two children: i. Whitney Godwin Saunders. ii. Carson Brewer Saunders. 2. Judith Whitney, born February 15, 1930, who is an artist in New York City.

SAMUEL WALKER LYONS, JR.—An outstanding banker and business man of Norfolk, Samuel Walker Lyons, Jr., was a lifelong resident of that city, where he was born on November 27, 1885, son of Samuel Walker, Sr., and Maud (Martin) Lyons. His father was born December 18, 1855, in Portsmouth, son of William H. and Sophia (Walker) Lyons. William H. Lyons was born in Pennsylvania in 1830, and died in Berkley, Norfolk, in 1910. He was superintendent of machinery at the United States Navy Shipyard at Portsmouth for twenty years, and was a public official as well. He served for some time on the Portsmouth city council, and he was treasurer of the city for a term of four years.

The elder Samuel W. Lyons was for many years a draftsman at the Norfolk Navy Yard, and he later took a position as gauger in the United States Revenue Service. In 1883 he was elected treasurer of Norfolk County, and served continuously until his death in 1918. He was active in Masonry, and was a Republican. On May 19, 1880, Samuel Walker Lyons, Sr., married Maud Martin, who was born July 10, 1860, in Norfolk County, daughter of Colonel James Green and Bettie L. (Gresham) Martin. Maud (Martin) Lyons died at Norfolk in 1938. She was descended from Major General T. Joseph Martin, the progenitor of the



Gen. Lyano Jr.

family in America, who came from England about 1770 and settled in the Valley of Virginia near Winchester. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons became the parents of four children: i. William Henry. ii. Bessie. iii. Samuel Walker, Jr. iv. Maud.

Receiving his early education in the elementary school at Berkley, Samuel W. Lyons, Jr., later attended the old Norfolk Academy on Bank Street, from which he graduated with high honors. He later attended the University of Virginia. His first business connection was with the Chesapeake Building Association, and he remained with that financial firm throughout his career, until failing health forced him to retire in 1949. In the course of his tenure of service, he held the offices of secretary and vice president of this long-established institution, and for many years played a large part in shaping its policies. During this time he organized the Security Insurance Agency, Inc., a general insurance agency with offices on West Berkley Avenue, Norfolk, which conducts a large insurance brokerage business. He served as president of this corporation from its founding until his death.

In February 1910, before he had reached his twenty-fifth birthday, Mr. Lyons was elected a director of the Merchants and Planters Bank of Norfolk. He served continuously on its board thereafter, and during the greater part of that time, filled the office of secretary of the board.

After more than forty years with the Chesapeake Building Association, he retired in 1949. In his long connection with the Association, he had served under three presidents; Alvah H. Martin, Colonel J. J. Ottley and C. L. Old.

Mr. Lyons was endowed by nature with the ideal characteristics required in his exacting profession. His fellow members of the board of Merchants and Planters Bank paid him tribute in a memorial resolution:

... We remember him... as a genial companion, making generous contributions to good fellowship at our meetings. During that time he gave active and helpful advice on important decisions, and did not hesitate, where he thought it in order, to offer constructive criticism.

As an active republican he was prominent in his party.

On August 3, 1912, at Norfolk, Samuel Walker Lyons, Jr., married Florence Cornelia Ives, daughter of Judson Hume and Mary Anne (Keeling) Ives. Her father was born in Norfolk County, and was a farmer, cultivating acreage near St. Bride's Station. In later years he moved to Norfolk, where he lived the remaining years of his life. His death occurred on October 15, 1907. He was a son of Amos Ives, who was a prominent planter of Norfolk County. Mary Anne (Keeling) Ives was born in Princess Anne County of colonial ancestry. Her

forebear Thomas Keeling came to Princess Anne County with Adam Thorogood in 1635. He was granted several hundred acres of land at the northern part of Great Neck, now known as Great Neck Point. His plantation was called Ye Dudlies. The Adam Keeling home in Princess Anne County is believed to be the second oldest residence in the Tidewater country, and is prominently mentioned in the volume entitled "Old Houses in Princess Anne County," by Sadie Scott Kellam and V. Hope Kellam. Mrs. Lyons was educated in the public schools of Norfolk, and at Hollins College. She is active in the cultural and religious life of Norfolk, and is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons became the parents of a daughter, Florence, who was born August 21, 1913. She is a graduate of Norfolk Tutoring School with honors, and of Wellesley College in Massachusetts, where she was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic society, in her junior year. She also attended the University of Munich in Germany as a Durant Scholar. She later took her degree of Bachelor of Laws from the University of Texas. She is a member of Kappa Beta Pi legal fraternity, the Order of the Coif, honorary legal organization, and Delta Zeta. She served as assistant attorney general of the State of Texas during the first administration of Governor Price Daniel. Florence Lyons married, first, John D. Couper Baldwin of Norfolk. She married, second, Dwight Alexander Olds, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Edward Olds. He is a professor of law at the University of Houston, having graduated from the University of Kansas and received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Michigan. He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Coif, in addition to being a member of the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Olds make their home in Houston.

The death of Samuel W. Lyons, Jr., on September 24, 1955, marked the passing of an outstanding business leader, and the loss of a man who had contributed much to his city and his region.

FRED W. BATEMAN—Identified with the Newport News law firm of Newman, Allaun and Bateman, Fred W. Bateman makes his home in Warwick and has been a resident of the Peninsula since 1950. He has become active in the civic and political life of the region, and holds membership in many organizations.

He was born in Roper, North Carolina, on September 18, 1916, son of N. D. and Eloise (Tarkenton) Bateman. Both of his parents were born in Criswell, North Carolina, and both are living. His father is a farmer. The public schools of Roper provided Fred W. Bateman with his

early education, and he graduated from high school there in 1935. He entered upon his advanced studies at Wake Forest College, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1939. He studied law at the University of North Carolina, where he was a member of the Class of 1942, but instead of entering practice at that time, he entered the service of the United States Navy. Commissioned an ensign, he saw active duty in the United States and in the Pacific. He remained in the navy on active duty until 1946, and is now in the Naval Reserve as a lieutenant commander.

Mr. Bateman was admitted to the bar in the state of Illinois in 1947, and practiced there for one year. In June 1950, he was admitted to the Virginia Bar, and at that time began a general practice in Richmond and Warwick. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States in March 1956. Until 1953, Mr. Bateman continued in his practice of law at Richmond and Warwick. In February of that year he became associated with the firm of Newman, Allaun and Downing in Newport News; the firm name is now Newman, Allaun and Bateman. This firm has its offices in the Melson Building in Newport News, and an office at 244 Warwick Road, Warwick, Virginia. He is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

A Democrat who has taken a vital interest in party affairs, Fred W. Bateman has held office as secretary of the Warwick electoral board. He is a member of Gamma Eta Gamma legal fraternity, and of the Kiwanis Club, the Ruritan Club, and Perseverance Lodge No. 59, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Plymouth, North Carolina. He is also a member of New Bern Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at New Bern in that state. He is fond of sports.

In San Francisco, California, on June 12, 1944, Fred W. Bateman married Frances Sondag of Dunlap, Iowa, daughter of John and Mary (Von Tersh) Sondag. The couple are the parents of one son, Michael Stuart Bateman, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, on October 1, 1946.

COLONEL RICHARD LEWIS BREWER, JR., was descended from forebears who were among the earliest settlers in this country, and the European lines have been traced considerably beyond that. To quote from an old ledger:

The most ancient records show the Brewers to be in Wales and in Somersetshire in England. The first mentioned to be William, who was in such high favor with Richard the Crusader King that he was one of the three men entrusted with the Government of the Kingdom during the absence of his Majesty on his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. All of the Brewers were sturdy pioneers and loyal to their high ideals

which brought them across a raging sea into an unknown land. They did their part in constructing a firm foundation for a new nation, in the battle field, and in the legislative halls.

The first ancestor to land at Jamestown, John Brewer, arrived prior to 1629, and he served in the House of Burgesses from Warwick County, 1629-1630. John Brewer, 2nd, was a member of the House of Burgesses from Isle of Wight County in 1657-1658.

Richard Lewis Brewer, Sr., was born in Nansemond County on December 10, 1827. He was educated at Wake Forest College, North Carolina, and at the University of Virginia. Mr. Brewer early entered the Confederate service. He was the first superintendent of Nansemond County and Suffolk schools, serving from 1852 to 1856, and in 1858 became the first mayor of Suffolk. He died November 29, 1902.

Richard Lewis Brewer, Jr., son of Richard Lewis, Sr., and Judith Anne (Robinson) Brewer, was born in Prince George County, Virginia, on May 27, 1864. He was educated in the public schools of Suffolk and at the Suffolk Military Academy. Later he served his apprenticeship in the jewelry trade in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and entered his family's jewelry firm in Suffolk, known as R. L. Brewer and Son, becoming its proprietor on the death of his father in 1902.

Although the jewelry business took much of his time, Colonel Brewer evinced a deep interest in the affairs of the community and diversified his business interests, acquiring real estate holdings and becoming interested in banking. His political, church and civic interests were equally wide and varied. He served for many years as a member of the Suffolk Town Council and the school board, and was elected mayor of Suffolk in 1902 at the age of thirty-seven, serving for twelve years. Mr. Brewer was appointed a colonel on Governor Mann's staff in 1910. In 1912 he was elected a member of the Virginia General Assembly where he served for twenty-two years and was speaker of the House of Delegates from 1920 to 1926.

Colonel Brewer enjoyed a gubernatorial boom before becoming speaker, but he could not be prevailed upon to enter the race. Incidentally, the State Office Building in Richmond is a monument to his efforts. Other men had for years recognized the need for such a structure, but it was he who was instrumental in making the building a reality.

He was the most potent influence in shaping the fiscal affairs of the state during his membership and as chairman of the Committee on Appropriations for six years before his election to speakership. At this time the state had no executive budget, and the Appropriations Committee chairman had to make a guide for state expenditures. Colonel



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Brewer handled the difficult task in such a manner as to leave the state with a comfortable balance in the treasury, and at the same time, to serve the best interests of the state functions. It has been said that as speaker of the House of Delegates for six years without opposition, his parliamentary procedure was unsurpassed, and that he made an enviable record for fairness, the prompt dispatch of business, and an enactment of laws demanded by and in the interest of the people. Even the members of the minority acknowledged him to be a courteous and just presiding officer and endorsed his administration.

While he was prominent in legislative bodies for many years, the impress left by Colonel Brewer was more forcibly felt from the Session of 1926, when he returned as a member of the House after voluntarily retiring as speaker. Quoting from a Richmond newspaper:

Possessed of the respect, confidence and affection of both House and Senate, the brilliancy of the Brewer leadership during the 1926 session entitled the delegate from Suffolk to the well-deserved admiration of both branches. He was complimented by Governor Harry F. Byrd upon his masterful management of measures entrusted to him and acquitted himself of his labors in the house in a manner which reflected credit even upon himself. All of the fine important Byrd bills dealing with revenue and the segregation tax bill were handled by Colonel Brewer. In fact it is thought by some that the passage of the fine measures . . . will mean more to the state in the interest of progress, of efficiency, and of economy than has been compassed in any one day's achievement by Virginia law makers.

In 1921 Colonel Brewer served as a member of the commission representing Virginia in the presentation of the replica of the Houdon statue of George Washington to the people of Great Britain and Ireland by the Commonwealth of Virginia in Trafalgar Square, London. Colonel Brewer was accompanied by Mrs. Brewer and his daughter Judith, now Mrs. F. Whitney Godwin, who unveiled the Washington statue. The members of the party were presented to Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary in Buckingham Palace, and elaborately entertained as guests of the British Government for two weeks.

In 1931, Colonel Brewer was urged to represent the Second District in Congress, but he had no ambition for this post and due to his modesty refrained from seeking higher honors. He seemed content to remain as the representative of Suffolk and Nansemond County in the House of Delegates, and satisfied to serve where he had been able to render a real service to his district and state. He assisted actively in the formation and passage of the legislation which created the Highway Commission of Virginia, and was highly recommended and endorsed for the appointment by Governor Pollard in 1933 to the State Highway Commission.

Colonel Brewer had every quality needed for the legislator and the public servant. To a fine, sympathetic personality were added diligence, keen intelligence, the highest ideals, and an inexhaustible interest in the state of his birth. All of those who labored with him were devoted to him, and for the best of reasons. His courage matched his character. Always he was reasonable, always ready to hear the other side; but the General Assembly of Virginia rarely had a man of like capacity as little disposed to "crook the pregnant hinges of the knee, where thrift may follow fawning."

Toward the latter part of his life, he said upon several occasions that his church duties would be the last of his many activities that he would relinquish. While Colonel Brewer was an active leader in its total program, as a founder, member, and steward of Oxford Methodist Church, he was especially interested in the children of the Methodist Home in Richmond. For nineteen years he served as president of the board of trustees of this institution, and at all times was a staunch supporter of the policies of the administration in efforts to better conditions at the Home. He was a lay delegate to the Uniting Conference in Kansas City in 1939, and a member of succeeding General and Southeastern Jurisdictional Conferences. Under his tenure as district lay leader, the Portsmouth-Newport News District made marked progress in every phase of its work. Colonel Brewer was president of the Yorktown-Gloucester Ferry Company, vice president of the American Bank and Trust Company, and was a member of the executive committee and the discount committee of the bank from the time of its organization. He was also chairman of the board of the National Screen Company; secretary and treasurer of the Riverview Land and Investment Company and the Suffolk Floral Gardens; and president of the Suffolk Fertilizer Company.

Colonel Brewer had served as president of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, and was a charter member of the Rotary Club. For sixty years he was a member of Suffolk Lodge No. 30, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and was presented the fifty-year pin in the Masonic order at a special meeting. During World War I he served as food administrator for his locality. In 1946, Colonel Brewer resigned from the State Board of Public Welfare, having served for thirty years. He was placed on Suffolk's Honor Roll and regarded as a First Citizen of Suffolk.

Colonel Richard Lewis Brewer, Jr., was first married, in early life, to Lelia Jackson Vellines of Isle of Wight County. They were the parents of a daughter Judith, now Mrs. F. Whitney Godwin. After the death of his first wife, Colonel Brewer married Belle Ashburn of Nansemond County.

There are two grandchildren: Mrs. Curtis Saunders, Jr., nee Martha Brewer Godwin, and Miss Judith Whitney Godwin.

Colonel Brewer was always able to keep pace with changing thought and abreast of public opinion. He was neither conservative nor radical, but always progressive while avoiding extremes—a stand which is America's greatest guaranty of security. His death occurred on April 5, 1947.

OSCAR FROMMEL SMITH—In a life distinguished by many years of service to industry and to his home city of Norfolk, Oscar Frommel Smith came to occupy a unique position in its affairs. He was a vigorous leader in the cause of civic progress, a generous friend to education and the arts, and a founder of enterprises, notably Smith-Douglass Company, Inc., which have played an important part in the economic life of the city.

Born October 25, 1891, at Bath, North Carolina, he was a son of Joseph Griffin and Margaret (Ratcliff) Smith, both natives of North Carolina. As a lad of nine, he moved to Norfolk with his parents and earned his first wages delivering the Norfolk "Virginian-Pilot." At the age of thirteen, he left school and began work at fifty cents a day.

His first connection with the fertilizer industry began at the age of nineteen, when he became a foreman with the J. R. Young Fertilizer Company, soon advancing to superintendent. In 1920 he and Robert B. Rowland, Jr., set up a nitrogenous tankage plant at Money Point. Later he formed the Smith Reduction Company, which he operated until 1927. In that year Ralph B. Douglass became associated with him and the company name was changed to Smith-Douglass Company. By ordinary standards his rise in business success and responsibility was phenomenal. Under his guidance a small fertilizer firm employing six people grew to an organization employing more than two thousand. The organization which he founded has its headquarters and main plant in Norfolk, with other plants elsewhere in the nation, and it is known as the world's largest manufacturer of mixed fertilizers and chemicals for agriculture. His development of the business was achieved by hard work, intelligence, and business integrity. Apart from his major career-long interest in the management of Smith-Douglass Company, Inc., he was also president of Fertilizer Industries, Inc., a New York organization, and was a director of the Seaboard Citizens National Bank of Norfolk.

The progress of Norfolk and Tidewater Virginia was always of vital concern to him. For two years in the 1930s he was a member of the board of trustees of the old Norfolk Community Fund. He was elected to the board of directors of the Norfolk United War Fund in 1943. He became vice

chairman of the Fund and was named its general chairman and president in 1945. He also headed a projected three-year capital accounts campaign for improving the physical structures of fund member agencies. Into the work he injected his spirit of leadership, and in 1945 the organization conducted a series of campaigns heavily oversubscribed, which brought in more than two million dollars for operating and capital expenses. In 1945 he led a movement to shift the campaign to the fall of the year and so directed two highly successful drives in one year. He received a Presidential Citation for his services to his country during World War II.

A tireless worker for countless civic causes, Mr. Smith is also particularly remembered for his leadership in the Norfolk Port Authority. When this Authority was created, he became its first chairman and did much to make it an effective medium for promoting the city's commercial activity. He received much acclaim for the development of Crestwood, a large housing project for Negro employees of the local Smith-Douglass plant; and in other ways he proved himself a staunch friend of the colored people. Vitally interested in the cause of education, he served on the board of trustees of Elon College in North Carolina, and in 1945 this institution conferred on him an honorary degree of Doctor of Business Science. He was a trustee of the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences, president of the Leigh Memorial Hospital, and a director of the Norfolk Association of Commerce. Upon his outstanding record of civic achievement, outlined above, he was selected as Norfolk's First Citizen in 1947 by the Cosmopolitan Club, in recognition of his continuous, "unselfish and unremunerative" work.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Virginia Club, the Princess Anne Country Club, and the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. A member of the Rosemont Christian Church for forty-five years, he was a prominent lay leader in the congregation. In his personal traits, he was a companionable man, a personality who stimulated everyone with whom he was associated. While modest and never a seeker of the limelight, he never shirked any responsibility which his position in the community placed upon him. He was interested in saddle horses and owned a fine stable at his Carolanne Farm in Princess Anne County. Among them were a number of small Shetland ponies, which he kept solely for the pleasure of children from the surrounding communities, and he employed two capable instructors to teach the children riding.

On November 30, 1910, at Norfolk, Oscar Frommel Smith married Miss Ruth Elizabeth McCloud, who was born at Portlock, Norfolk County, daughter of Jesse and Annie Jackson (Gibson) McCloud.



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Mrs. Smith is descended from early colonial settlers of Scotch origin, who located in Norfolk County. She is a life member of the Clan MacLeod Society of America and is a member and past president of the Navy League of Norfolk. During the couple's years together, their home at 1705 Cloncurry Road, Lockhaven, was always a scene of hospitality. It is a stately residence, surrounded by spacious lawns bordered by camellias, azaleas, and old oak trees. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of one daughter, Ann Marjorie, who married Roy R. Charles, prominent businessman of Norfolk and a member of the board of visitors of the College of William and Mary. They are the parents of Margaret Ann Charles, born July 17, 1937.

Mr. Smith's death occurred on May 4, 1950, at Sedgfield, North Carolina. In recognition of his contribution to his community and to the cause of education, the Oscar Frommel Smith High School has been named in his honor. On the occasion of its dedication, his friend Ben J. Willis, Sr., spoke, and his words give us a fuller picture of the character and personality of Mr. Smith. He said in part:

... Oscar Smith was a humble man, and throughout his lifetime he practiced those things that he learned at his mother's knee. He was fond of quoting from the Bible, and those of us who knew him best realized that he shared with the Almighty Father his worldly goods. His charities were many, but more especially was he interested in the building of men and women, for he made possible college education for many young men and women who would not otherwise have gone to college. Surely Oscar Smith was an example of the eternal truth: "That the value of a life is measured, not by years, but by what is accomplished in the lifetime."

His quiet helpfulness to those in need, his generous support of his community and its projects, were only a small part of his life... His most cherished possessions were his friends and his love for life.

A generous man, who gave of his talents that the young men and women of his community might grow to manhood and womanhood to become better citizens and builders of a community, especially this community, which he loved so much.

ALAN S. MIRMAN—The activities of Alan S. Mirman as lawyer and citizen have made him a familiar figure in Norfolk community life. His reputation is among both the general citizenry of the community and the Jewish population. A partner in the law firm of Stant and Mirman, he maintains offices in Suite 211-214, Board of Trade Building. He is a veteran of World War II and was wounded in action.

Born in Norfolk on February 23, 1925, Mr. Mirman is the son of Morris S. and Lillian (Cooper) Mirman. His father is a native of Poland, his mother of Montreal, Canada. Brought to the United States at the age of eleven in 1910, Morris Mirman lived for five or six years in New York City and then moved to Norfolk. Until his retire-

ment in 1953, he was engaged in the grocery business. He and his wife still make their home in Norfolk.

Brought up in that city, Alan S. Mirman attended the public schools. He was graduated from Maury High School in 1942 and in the following year was a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. In May 1943, he entered the United States Army. Assigned to the Infantry, he participated in many battles. At one time he suffered a slight gunshot wound, from which he recovered quickly. However, in subsequent battle action, he received a wound which paralyzed his entire left leg. Incapacitated by this wound, he was captured and held in an enemy prisoner-of-war camp for three months. When he was liberated, he was obliged to spend eighteen months in hospitals before achieving full recovery. He was separated from the service as a corporal in August 1946, and immediately returned home.

In the Fall, he entered the University of Virginia, where, three years later, he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Continuing at the university's School of Law, he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1951. He was admitted to the Virginia Bar immediately thereafter and began as an associate of Frederick T. Stant, Jr. They formed their present partnership in February 1952.

Mr. Mirman is a member of the American Bar Association, the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association and the Virginia Bar Association. He is also active in Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Arnold Gamsey Lodge No. 1195, B'nai B'rith; Norfolk Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Lafayette Yacht and Country Club. With his family he worships at Temple Israel of Norfolk. As a voter he is an independent Democrat. For recreation he is interested in most sports.

Mr. Mirman married Virginia Meyerson, daughter of Louis and Rose (Weprin) Meyerson. Mrs. Mirman was born in Norfolk, her father in Russia and her mother in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Meyerson operated a barber shop in Toledo, Ohio, after coming to the United States. He is now engaged in the same business in Portsmouth, where he and his wife make their home. Mrs. Mirman is active in Temple Israel and other Jewish affairs. She is a member of the Norfolk Council of Jewish Women and the Hadassah Sisterhood. She and her husband reside at 2209 Abbey Road, Norfolk. They have one daughter, Jill Anita, who was born in Norfolk on February 23, 1955.

PEMBROKE DECATUR GWALTNEY, JR.—whose career ended about two decades ago, gave his name to one of the Lower Tidewater's outstanding meat packing plants, which is also the

longest-established in this industry. It has maintained for over fourscore years its reputation for producing Smithfield hams, which are sold in all parts of the country. P. D. Gwaltney, Jr., who represented the intermediate generation of the family in the firm's management, played no small part in winning for the firm its reputation for quality and for efficient operation.

He was born September 3, 1861, son of Pembroke D. Gwaltney, Sr., and his wife, whose maiden name was Martha Harris. Attending the schools of his home region, he completed his formal education at private schools and business college in Richmond. In 1879 he purchased the retail farm supply business from his father, P. D. Gwaltney, Sr., who had invented peanut cleaning machinery and started the firm of the Gwaltney-Bunkley Peanut Company, and started a meat packing business in conjunction with the retail store purchased from his father. Familiarizing himself with the details of its management in his early manhood, the business, in due time, was incorporated and he became president of the firm in 1929. At this time the packing plant took the name of P. D. Gwaltney, Jr., and Co., Inc. which was changed to Gwaltney Incorporated in 1957.

In addition, Mr. Gwaltney was president of the Bank of Smithfield and of the Home Telephone Company. He took a vital interest in all enterprises for the progress of his community and the welfare of its citizens. He was a Methodist in his religious faith, and active in his church.

In 1901, Pembroke Decatur Gwaltney, Jr., married Miss Estelle Darden of Isle of Wight County, and they became the parents of five children. 1. Pembroke Decatur, 3rd. 2. Lucy, who died at sixteen years of age. 3. Chester, who died at twenty years of age. 4. Howard W. 5. Julius Darden. Three of the sons are active in the management of the firm today, and all three are the subjects of accompanying biographical sketches.

The death of the packing executive and civic leader occurred on February 9, 1936.

HOWARD W. GWALTNEY represents the third generation of his family in the management of the Smithfield packing firm of Gwaltney Incorporated. He is also president of a bank and a realty corporation, and is currently serving as mayor of Smithfield.

A native of that city, he was born on January 20, 1908, son of P. D., Jr., and Estelle (Darden) Gwaltney, and grandson of P. D. Gwaltney, Sr., who founded the family packing firm about 1870. Its history is to be found in an accompanying sketch. His father, P. D., Jr., carried on management of the firm. He was not only a packing ex-

ecutive but also president of the Bank of Smithfield. Both he and Mrs. Gwaltney are now deceased.

After attending the public schools of Smithfield and graduating from high school there in 1925, Howard W. Gwaltney entered Washington and Lee University as a member of the Class of 1929. He attended for three years, but did not remain to graduate, joining his father in business in 1928. He became vice president in 1932, and president in 1935, following his father's death. In the same year he also succeeded his father as president of the Bank of Smithfield, and as chairman of its board of directors.

Mr. Gwaltney is also president of the Gwaltney Realty Corporation of Smithfield, and is a director of the Home Telephone Company in that city. A democrat in his politics, he was first elected mayor of Smithfield for the term beginning in 1951, and has held office continuously since that time.

Active in the work of the Trinity Methodist Church in Smithfield, he has been a member of its official board since 1929 and chairman of its finance committee since 1935. He is a member of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond, the Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club in Portsmouth, and the Lafayette Yacht and Country Club of Norfolk. His fraternity is Kappa Alpha. Mr. Gwaltney's favorite outdoor sport is quail hunting.

In his home city, on April 13, 1935, Howard W. Gwaltney married Katherine D. Langhorne of Smithfield, daughter of Maurice C. and Katherine (Vanderslice) Langhorne. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Lucy L., born in January 1937. 2. Howard W., Jr., who was born in June 1938. 3. Katherine C., born in August 1939.

JULIUS DARDEN GWALTNEY—For the past twenty-five years, Julius Darden Gwaltney has been active in executive positions with the firm of Gwaltney Incorporated, the well-known Smithfield packing house. He holds offices in other corporations as well, and is active in organizations, church work, and the cause of good citizenship.

A native of Smithfield, he was born on March 21, 1911, son of P. D., Jr., and Estelle (Darden) Gwaltney, and grandson of the founder of the packing firm, P. D. Gwaltney, Sr. Attending the public elementary and high schools of his native town, Julius D. Gwaltney completed his secondary studies at Randolph-Macon Academy, where he graduated with the Class of 1929. For two years, he was a student at the University of Virginia.

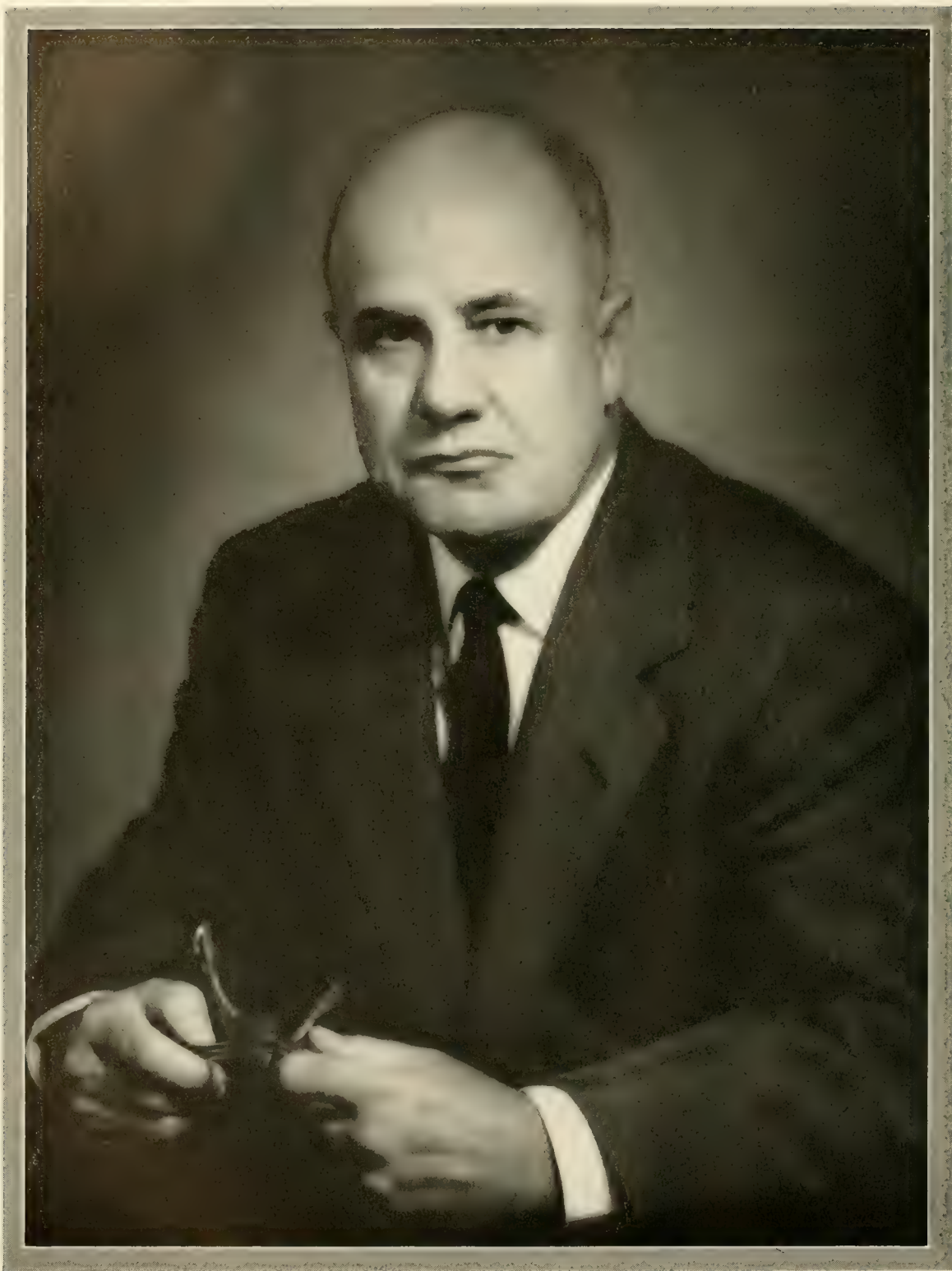
He left the classroom in 1931 to gain practical business experience with the family firm, which has been in existence for about eighty-five years. Early in his busy career, he was made vice presi-



Howard W. Gwaltney



Julius W. Gwaltner



W. D. Swallow, III

dent of Gwaltney Incorporated, and has held that position to the present time. He serves on the boards of directors of the Home Telephone Company and the Gwaltney Realty Company, both of Smithfield.

Politically, Mr. Gwaltney enrolls as a Democrat but votes independently. He is a member of the Lafayette Yacht Club of Norfolk and the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla No. 58, and is active in the work of his church, the Trinity Methodist of Smithfield, serving on its Official Board and its Board of Trustees. He is fond of the out-of-doors, and his favorite sports are hunting, boating and fishing.

At Leesburg, Virginia, on September 16, 1933, Julius Darden Gwaltney married Henrietta Ramsay Chapman, of a Smithfield family. Her father, now deceased, was James Edwin Chapman, and her mother is the former Henrietta Chadwick Ramsay. Mrs. Gwaltney is active in the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Henrietta C., who was born on December 30, 1935. 2. M. Florelle, born on November 19, 1938.

PEMBROKE DECATUR GWALTNEY, 3rd, Smithfield packing executive, represents the third generation of his family to bear the name, and to be engaged in the management of the packing firm successfully carried on under family direction for eighty-five years. He has other business interests in the communications and banking fields, and is a former member of the town council.

Son of P. D., Jr., and Estelle (Darden) Gwaltney, he was born at Smithfield on January 3, 1903. Attending the public elementary and high schools there, he completed his preparatory studies at Randolph-Macon Academy, where he was a member of the Class of 1920. He is also a graduate of Washington and Lee University, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1924.

Mr. Gwaltney began his career with the packing firm of P. D. Gwaltney Jr. and Company, in 1924, and in 1929 when the business was incorporated he became secretary and treasurer. He is chairman of the board of the Home Telephone Company of Smithfield, and director of the Bank of Smithfield.

Carrying his full responsibility in public affairs, Mr. Gwaltney has served as a member of the town council at Smithfield. He has also served on the school board of Isle of Wight County. Politically, he identifies himself as an independent Democrat. Although not now active in clubs or fraternal organizations, he formerly held membership in the Rotary, the Ruritan Club, and the lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The fami-

ly has consistently been identified with and active in the Trinity Methodist Church, and P. D. Gwaltney, 3rd, serves on its board of trustees. He is fond of outdoor activities, particularly hunting and fishing.

At Petersburg, Virginia, on October 12, 1927, Pembroke Decatur Gwaltney, 3rd, married Margaret Coke Atwill, daughter of the Rev. W. H., Sr., and Minnie C. Atwill. Her father was a Methodist clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. Gwaltney have three children: 1. Margaret Darden, who is the wife of Donald E. Hood. They have a child, Donald E., Jr. 2. Pembroke Decatur, 4th, who is now a lieutenant in the United States Army. He married Norma Lee Stephenson, and they have a daughter, Virginia Lee Gwaltney. 3. William Atwill, who is serving with the United States forces in Korea, with the rank of lieutenant.

GWALTNEY INCORPORATED—The Lower Tidewater's longest-established firm of meat packers is Gwaltney Incorporated, at Smithfield. It was founded in 1870 by P. D. Gwaltney, Sr., grandfather of Howard W. Gwaltney, P. D. Gwaltney, 3rd, and Julius D. Gwaltney who now head the firm.

From its earliest days the company has played a prominent part in producing, marketing and spreading the popularity of Smithfield hams. Its Plant No. 1, for curing such hams, was built about 1890, and is still in use, although it was substantially expanded in 1952. At the same time modern curing coolers were added to control quality. Plant No. 2, located on the shore of the Pagan River, was built in 1936, and four large annexes have since been added. In 1954 Gwaltney Incorporated completed and occupied its newest plant, just north of Smithfield on Highway 10. General offices are located here. At this location are facilities for live-stock yards, hog killing, cutting, by-product rendering, shipping, and lard refining, in addition to a power plant. In 1957 the company produced over sixty million pounds of pork products.

The company has been particularly interested in quality control, a factor which has played a large part in establishing its reputation. Research, development and testing of all its products has a conspicuous place on the company program. Also emphasized is the building of good employer-employee relationships. The firm has been liberal in its labor policies, having cash bonus and profit-sharing retirement plans, life and hospital insurance arrangements, cafeteria service, ample sick leave, and paid vacations and holidays. While adhering to the traditions of the oldest of the region's packers, Gwaltney Incorporated has kept completely up-to-date in such matters; in production techniques; and in relations with the farmers who bring

in the livestock, and with the consumer who continues to order Smithfield hams in increasing quantity. The company has always taken an outstanding part in community affairs.

GORDEN E. CAMPBELL—The reputation of Gordon E. Campbell has been made in more than one field. A lawyer in practice in Norfolk for three decades, he is the principal stockholder in three good-sized business concerns. In addition, he is prominent in Masonry and Methodist Church circles. As a lawyer, he maintains offices in the National Bank of Commerce Building.

Mr. Campbell was born in Norfolk on November 16, 1905, the son of Daniel Ward and Minnie (Roth) Campbell. His father was a native of Toronto, Canada, his mother of St. Paul, Minnesota. The former died in 1928, at the age of seventy-two; the latter died in 1950, at the age of eighty-two. Daniel Ward Campbell entered the building contracting business soon after arriving in Norfolk about 1890. He spent the rest of his life in that business, erecting numerous structures of every type not only in Virginia, but in many other states.

Gordon E. Campbell was first educated in the public schools of the city of Norfolk and Princess Anne County. In 1926 he was graduated from Norfolk's Maury High School. He then matriculated at the College of William and Mary, where he was accepted in the law classes as a special student. In 1929 he took and passed the Virginia Bar examinations and since his admission to the bar that year has been practicing in his native city. In addition to his practice, Mr. Campbell is active in the business world, being principal stockholder and vice president of the Building Materials Corporation, principal stockholder and secretary of the Building Materials Ready-Mix Corporation and principal stockholder in the Tabet Manufacturing Company.

He has held high offices in various organizations. A past president of the Rotary Club of Norfolk, he is also past master of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and past district deputy of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. He is also a member of such other Masonic bodies as Auld Consistory, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; John Walters Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Grice Commandery, Knights Templar. He holds the thirty-second degree in the Masonic order and the honorary degree of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He also belongs to the Norfolk Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and the Norfolk Town Club. His professional affiliations are with the Virginia State Bar, Virginia Bar Association, American Bar As-

sociation, and the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association.

Besides the activities entailed by membership in these groups, Mr. Campbell participates prominently in the work of his church, the Epworth Methodist of Norfolk. Now a member of the board of trustees, he is a past steward and past president of the Wesleymen Bible Class. In politics he is a Democrat. In World War II Mr. Campbell served four years as an officer in the Office of Naval Intelligence attached to the Norfolk Naval Base and to units in New York City and Washington, D. C. Released to inactive status after the war, he retained his commission, that of lieutenant commander, in the Naval Reserve until 1955.

On December 12, 1953, in Norfolk, Mr. Campbell married Virginia Brinkley, daughter of Stark and Elizabeth (Knight) Brinkley, both of whom were born in Gates County, North Carolina. Mr. Brinkley died some years ago, and Mrs. Campbell's mother is now Mrs. R. C. Holton and living in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have one daughter, Elizabeth Holton, born on April 13, 1955. Their home is at 7011 Mallard Drive, Norfolk.

ROBERT FRANKLIN EDWARDS has had nearly three decades' experience in the practice of law, and since 1944 has practiced at Smithfield. He is a Lower Tidewater native, born in Isle of Wight County on November 2, 1897, son of Nathaniel Macon and Elizabeth (Nelms) Edwards. Both of his parents were also born in that county, and both are now deceased. His father was a farmer.

The public schools of Isle of Wight Courthouse provided R. Franklin Edwards' early education and he graduated from high school there in 1917. Entering the University of Richmond, he graduated in 1921 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; and he continued with his professional course at the T. C. Williams School of Law of that university. There he took his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1928.

Meantime, in December 1927, he had been admitted to the bar, and first entered the employ of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Maryland, working in its claims department in Tennessee and in Roanoke, Virginia, from 1928 until 1944.

In the latter year Mr. Edwards established his general practice of law at Smithfield, and has his offices in the Old Court House Building. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar and the Virginia State Bar Association.

He is a Democrat in his politics, and a member of the Ruritan Club and of Smithfield Lodge No. 18, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Attending



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the Baptist Church in his home city, he served the congregation as a clerk and member of the board of deacons.

At Johnson City, Tennessee, on October 24, 1929, R. Franklin Edwards married Arbee Helen Rasar, daughter of Dr. Reuben B. and Anna Helen (Dille) Rasar. Both of her parents are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are the parents of a son, Robert Brooks, born November 7, 1937. He attended the College of William and Mary, and the University of Richmond.

EARL THOMAS GRESHAM—The E. T. Gresham Company, Inc., a general contracting firm with headquarters on West 26th Street in Norfolk, bears the name of an engineer and industrialist who has established himself as one of the city's most successful business leaders. He has also won recognition for his civic awareness and achievements in community affairs. In 1951 he received the Cosmopolitan Club Medal, which carries with it the title of "First Citizen of Norfolk."

Although he was born at Galveston, Indiana, E. T. Gresham comes of a Virginia family of English and colonial ancestry in the paternal line. Born November 12, 1892, he is a son of William Watkins and Claudia (Thomas) Gresham. His father was born in King and Queen County. His paternal grandfather, Oscar H. Gresham, was also a native Virginian and a planter in that county. He served in the Ninth Cavalry, Confederate States Army. Members of the family in earlier generations had likewise been planters, and were prominently identified with public affairs in Virginia. William W. Gresham engaged in sales work early in life, and later became secretary and treasurer of the E. T. Gresham Company, Inc. He died in Norfolk in 1933. Claudia Beatrice Thomas, whom he married, was born in Galveston, Indiana, daughter of Meredith Helm Thomas, a native of Kentucky, who became prominent in business at Galveston. He married Harriet Knowlton, a native of New York State. Claudia (Thomas) Gresham died at Norfolk on November 18, 1945.

The oldest of seven children, E. T. Gresham was eight years old when his parents returned to Virginia. He attended the public schools of Bowling Green and Richmond Academy at Richmond, where he was a member of Company A of the Richmond Blues. He began his career in the coal mining industry in West Virginia, as an employee of the Wyatt Coal Company. He remained with the firm for several years, working in the mines and in sales capacities. In 1915 he came to Norfolk, and the following year founded the E. T. Gresham Company, which was

incorporated in 1918. He originally engaged in the heavy hauling contracting business, and later expanded operations to include general contracting, specializing in industrial construction. From the modest beginning, the company under his direction, as president and general manager, has become one of the largest construction firms in its field in the state of Virginia. With a record of forty years of service in industrial construction, the firm manages to confine most of its contracting to the Tidewater section of Virginia. However, as subcontractor, it has completed work in several parts of the United States and for Canadian and South American firms. In the equipment rentals field, the firm renders a wide service, for it owns a large quantity of such heavy equipment as cranes with capacities up to thirty tons, air compressors, tractors, heavy hauling equipment and generators. The officials, besides Mr. Gresham, are Judge Willis V. Fentress, vice president; E. T. Gresham, Jr., treasurer; Wells Gresham, assistant treasurer; O. J. Parker, secretary; and Willis C. Fentress, Jr., assistant secretary.

Mr. Gresham's other business connections include service on the boards of directors of the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk, Commonwealth National Gas Corporation of Richmond, Virginia Mutual Insurance Company, and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He is past vice president of the Virginia Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America; past president of the Virginia Highway Users Association; and has served many years as chairman of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District Commission. A member of the Hampton Roads Engineers Club, he served as its president in 1947. In 1949-1950 he served as president of the Norfolk Community Chest, and he has been a member of the directors' advisory board of the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division. A director of the Boys' Club of Norfolk, he served for sixteen years as its vice president, and this remains one of his major community interests.

His career has been characterized by a fine humanitarian spirit, which has had a positive influence in his management-employee relationship and in his work for a better city. He is presently serving as chairman of the building committee in charge of the construction of an addition to the Norfolk General Hospital, to be erected at an estimated cost of five and a quarter million dollars. In 1951 he received the Cosmopolitan Club award, as noted above, for his continued record of unselfish civic service over many years.

A Rotarian, he served as president of the Norfolk club in 1946-1947; and he is a member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted

Masons; Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 1 at Norfolk; the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club; Princess Anne Country Club; and the First Baptist Church, which he serves as a member of the finance committee.

In 1916, Earl Thomas Gresham married Kathryn Wells of Elm City, North Carolina. She died in 1942. They were the parents of two sons: 1. Earl Thomas, Jr., a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1940. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy in the Pacific during World War II, and at the close of the war entered E. T. Gresham Company, in which he is now treasurer. He married Doris Trimyer of Norfolk, and they are the parents of three sons: i. Earl Thomas, III. ii. William Albert. iii. Richard Wells. 2. Wells, who attended the University of Virginia where he majored in civil engineering. He left his studies there to enter the wartime service of the United States Navy as an ensign, and since the end of the war has been associated with E. T. Gresham Company. He is now assistant treasurer. He married Jane McMurran of Norfolk, and they are the parents of two children: i. Stephen Wells. ii. Kathryn Jane. In 1946, E. T. Gresham married, second, Mrs. Ada (Dozier) Garrett of Norfolk. By a previous marriage she has two children: 1. Kathaleen Garrett, who married Floyd A. Scott of Indianapolis, Indiana, now of Norfolk. They are the parents of three children: i. Margaret. ii. Jane. iii. Lee Scott. 2. Council D. Garrett. He served in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II, being sent to the China-Burma-India theater. He attained the rank of captain. Now a business man in Norfolk, he is married to the former Mary Faucett Ricks of Littleton, North Carolina. They are the parents of two daughters: i. Belinda. ii. Pamela Garrett.

HOWARD GRESHAM MARTIN—A leader in the Lower Tidewater's banking circles, Howard Gresham Martin was for many years identified with the Merchants and Planters Bank of Berkley, in which he advanced to executive vice president. He was also a respected and useful citizen of Norfolk County, and a valuable worker in his church.

Born in the Berkley district of Norfolk on February 2, 1894, he was a son of Alvah H. and Mary E. (Tilley) Martin. The Martin family has been prominent in Virginia since colonial times. They are descended from Major General T. Joseph Martin, who came from England and settled about 1770 in the Valley of Virginia near Winchester. His son, Colonel George Martin, was likewise born in England, accompanied his father to Virginia, and

later settled with him in Kentucky. He fought under his father's command in the Revolutionary War, being an adjutant general but holding the rank of colonel. After the war he came to Norfolk County, settling in 1787 near Great Bridge. He was a civil engineer by profession, and afterwards became an extensive planter. He married Ann Old of Princess Anne County a few years after his arrival in Virginia, and died in 1799. Colonel James Green Martin, son of Colonel George and Ann (Old) Martin, was born March 11, 1797, and died November 23, 1874. He attained his rank of colonel serving in the War of 1812, and for many years was presiding judge of Norfolk County. In 1817 he married Maach Foreman, who was born on March 2, 1797, daughter of Alexander Foreman, a Revolutionary soldier, and sister of General Nehemiah Foreman who served in the War of 1812. She died October 1, 1874. This couple's son, Colonel James Green (2) Martin, was born at Mount Pleasant, Norfolk County, on April 16, 1829, and died in August 1880. He was made a colonel in the militia, and practiced law in Norfolk. He was elected to the Virginia Legislature for the 1859-1860 term, and for a time served as a presiding justice of the Norfolk County Court. He also served in the Confederate States Army. He married Bettie L. Gresham, daughter of Thomas B. and Love (Old) Gresham, and they had three children: Alvah H., Maud, and George Gresham Martin.

Alvah H. Martin was born in Norfolk County and received his early education under private tutors and in the public schools. After completing a course at Webster Institute, he studied law under his father, and in 1880 became county clerk, appointed to fill out an unexpired term. He was elected to the office in May 1881, and served, by subsequent reelection, for thirty-three years. He also became well known in business and financial circles, and was one of the founders of the Merchants and Planters Bank. He became the second president of this bank, serving until his death on July 5, 1918. He was also president of the Chesapeake Building Association, the Cape Henry Syndicate, the Glencoe Land Company and the Martin Corporation, and he was a director of the National Bank of Commerce and interested in many other corporations. He was active in the Chamber of Commerce; and took a leading part in the planning and management of the Jamestown Exposition in 1907, holding office as director-general. He had extensive property interests in Norfolk and Princess Anne counties, and valuable coal lands in West Virginia. He served on the Republican National Executive Committee, and it was through his influence with President William Howard Taft that the Port of Norfolk was made a port of entry for Virginia. He



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pioneered in the good roads movement in Norfolk County, and was chairman of the first commission for permanent road improvement in his county. He was a communicant of Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, and was an ardent sportsman.

On January 6, 1881, Alvah H. Martin married Mary E. Tilley, daughter of E. M. and Eliza A. (Hare) Tilley of Norfolk County. Howard G. Martin, fifth of the six children born to this couple, was educated at Norfolk Academy, Virginia Military Institute and the University of Virginia. From 1915 to 1919 he served as deputy clerk of the circuit court of Norfolk County, and at the conclusion of his tenure in 1919, entered the Merchants and Planters Bank of Berkley as a bookkeeper. Through the years which followed, he served the bank faithfully as auditor, assistant cashier, cashier and vice president, and at the time of his death, held the position of executive vice president. When the first branch of the Merchants and Planters Bank was established, at Campostella, two blocks from its present location, Howard G. Martin was selected as its first manager. He took charge of its operation when it opened, and remained in that capacity until the time of his death. From the beginning, his personal contact with the customers of the bank in that community was always very close, and he earned the confidence of all who knew him. He was also in close touch with activities at the main bank, and at its other branches and served on the executive committee. The bank's board of directors joined in a memorial statement which paid tribute to his work and his personality:

Howard Martin should be especially remembered for his unflinching interest and zeal in stimulating comradeship and social contacts among the employees, officers, directors and friends of this Bank. They will long remember the dinners that he promoted and organized, which were always enjoyed by all who attended them, and which did so much to establish the personal contacts which this Bank has always cherished. His sound advice contributed a great deal to the financial success of many business men and members of the community who were patrons of this Bank.

But Mr. Martin's personality as well as his counsel will be greatly missed by his community and banking circles in this part of the country. His kindness, understanding and quiet friendliness were not restricted to a select few, but were extended by him to all with whom he came in contact. He was always ready to listen patiently to the problems of others, and although he was not a great talker, his cheerful disposition and thoughtfulness created a warm feeling of friendship with those who worked with him.

His considerate ways and gentle manner will be greatly missed by all of us.

Apart from his banking activities, Mr. Martin was executor of the estate of Alvah H. Martin. He was president of the Martin Corporation, the Glencoe Land Company and the Howard Land Company, and a director of the Chesapeake Building Association and Security Insurance Agency, Inc.

He was a member of the executive committee of the Virginia Bankers Association, and a member of the American Bankers Association. Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he was a member of Owens Lodge No. 164; John Walters Chapter No. 68, Royal Arch Masons; and Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar. He was also a member of the Norfolk Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and Princess Anne Country Club. He was an earnest worker in the Second Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, and was serving as chairman of its board of deacons at the time of his death. He had become a member of the church in 1920, and had served as deacon for many years. His fellow members of the diaconate said of him: "Mr. Martin was a man of wide business experience and wisdom, and his counsel was sought continuously in the financial problems of the church, and always graciously given. [He was] a radiant Christian and a blessing to all whose lives touched his."

On October 1, 1919, in Norfolk, Howard Gresham Martin married Alpine Douglas Gatling, daughter of Dr. George P. and Mary Wilson (Hollowell) Gatling. Her father was a native of Spring Hill, Prince George County, and a son of George W. and Marceline (Pescud) Gatling. He attended Guilford College, later studied pharmacy, and for many years was a druggist in Petersburg and Richmond. He later managed Gatling's Model Pharmacy in the Monticello Hotel in Norfolk. He retired as pharmacist in 1913, and was a representative of the Arlington Chemical Company of Yonkers, New York, at the time of his death on March 18, 1935. His wife, the former Mary Wilson Hollowell, was a native of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and died June 5, 1917. He married, second, Carlotta McCluer. Mrs. Howard Gresham Martin is a graduate of Madison College, and through the years has been active in philanthropic work, particularly on behalf of Edgewater Home for Girls and the Women's Board of the Leigh Memorial Hospital. She is active in the Second Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Princess Anne Country Club and Cavalier Yacht and Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Martin became the parents of three daughters: 1. Mary, and 2. Alpine, twins, born November 15, 1920. Mary died at the age of ten months. Alpine is a graduate of Sweet Briar College, where she took her degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1941. She married Eugene Ferree Patterson of Lockport, New York, a graduate of Cornell University, and they now reside in Puerto Rico, where Mr. Patterson is engaged in the leather manufacturing business. They are the parents of three children: 1. Lucy Brooke, born October 13,

1943. ii. Fay Patterson, born August 25, 1946. iii. Douglas Ross, II, born July 14, 1949. 3. Fay, the youngest daughter, was born on September 15, 1923. In 1943 she took her degree of Bachelor of Arts at Sweet Briar College, and she is married to Alfred duPont Chandler, Jr., of Guyencourt, Delaware. He graduated from Harvard University in 1940, and holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in history. He is now associate professor of history at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. and Mrs. Chandler have three children: i. Alpine Douglas, born December 11, 1945. ii. Mary Morris, born September 20, 1948. iii. Alfred duPont, III, born May 2, 1951.

Mr. Martin's death occurred on February 10, 1954, while he was attending a conference of the American Bankers Association in New York City.

EDWIN CLAY KELLAM—Active in the profession of law and in civic and cultural projects, Edwin Clay Kellam is well known in the Lower Tidewater. As a lawyer he is the partner of his brother, Richard B. Kellam, in the firm of Kellam and Kellam, which maintains offices in the Board of Trade Building, Norfolk.

Mr. Kellam was born in Princess Anne on January 4, 1907, the son of Abel E. and Clara O. (Eaton) Kellam. The mother, a native of Princess Anne County, still makes her home there. Abel E. Kellam, who was born in Northampton County, was a farmer and lumberman. For twenty-five years, he served as clerk of the Princess Anne Circuit Court. One of his prime avocational interests was history and he was noted for the ownership of one of the best libraries in the area. His love of history is shared by his son Edwin. Education and religion were also among his preoccupations. Through four decades he served as steward of his church, the Methodist, and was its Sunday school superintendent for a quarter of a century. Such was his interest in religious education that for a time he served concurrently as both Baptist and Methodist Sunday school superintendent, one church conducting services in the morning, the other in the afternoon. For twenty-five years or more, he was a director of the Virginia National Bank. He was seventy-six years old when he died on January 1, 1926. In her home in Princess Anne, his widow celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday in 1956.

Princess Anne was also the home of her son Edwin until he was about eighteen years old. At that time he was graduated from Oceana High School. He left home to continue his education. In 1933, he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Duke University, after which he spent a year at the University of Oklahoma School of Law. In

1934, he returned to Duke University and in 1936 was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws there.

Admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1936, Mr. Kellam began practice in Norfolk the following year. Later, he joined the law firm of White and Davis of Norfolk. In 1942, he was commissioned in the United States Navy, with which he served throughout American participation in World War II. He was released to inactive status in 1945 with the rank of lieutenant commander.

In 1946, Edwin Clay Kellam and his brother, Richard B. Kellam, formed the law firm of Kellam and Kellam. (The life of Richard B. Kellam is reviewed elsewhere in these pages). Associated in the firm with the brothers are Richard Tunstall, James M. Pickrell, Austin E. Owen, Joseph J. Lawler, Herbert Reid, and William Hodges. Edwin C. Kellam is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth, Virginia and American bar associations, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa fraternities; Naomi Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the Civitan Club of Norfolk. He has been an officer in various organizations and is now a director of the Civitan Club. He is a Democrat and a Methodist. Work, he says, is his hobby.

Mr. Kellam married Helen M. Owen, daughter of Richard Clement and Judith (Berkley) Owen, in Norfolk on April 15, 1944. Mrs. Kellam, like her father, was born in that city. Her father is associated with Foote Brothers and Company. He is the son of the Reverend Austin E. Owen, who was pastor of the Court Street Baptist Church of Portsmouth for many years and who, after his retirement, was the organizer and owner of a girls' school in Berkley. Mrs. Kellam, who is active in religious and social circles, is a member of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church and the Norfolk Garden Club. Mr. and Mrs. Kellam have three children: 1. Edwin Clay, Jr., born on September 29, 1947. 2. Severn Frederick, II, born on September 13, 1950. 3. Sarah Fairfax, born on August 31, 1954. Their home is at 1203 South Fairwater Drive, Norfolk.

RICHARD B. KELLAM—A member of the Virginia Bar a quarter of a century, Richard B. Kellam is in practice both in Norfolk and Princess Anne counties, with offices in the Board of Trade Building, Norfolk, and Princess Anne Courthouse. He is a partner in the law firm of Kellam and Kellam, and a Commissioner in Chancery for Circuit Court of Princess Anne County. He has long been active in health and welfare work, such as that conducted by the American National Red Cross, Salvation Army and the Anti-Tuberculosis League, and in other fields of human endeavor.



Edwin C. Fellam



Richard B. Kellam

Mr. Kellam was born in the community of Princess Anne on May 30, 1909, the son of Abel E. and Clara O. (Eaton) Kellam. His father was a native of Northampton County, his mother of Princess Anne County; she still resides there. A. E. Kellam died on January 1, 1926, at the age of seventy-six. His widow celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday in 1956.

Richard B. Kellam received his early education in Princess Anne County. After attending grammar school at the county seat, he entered high school at Kempsville and was graduated with the Class of 1926. He then attended Davis-Wagner Business College in Norfolk, after which he became a clerk in the office of his brother, Judge Floyd E. Kellam, whose professional activities were at the time confined to a private law practice as he had not yet been appointed to the bench. Richard Kellam studied law under his brother and at night attended law classes conducted by a Norfolk attorney. In 1933 he took the Virginia Bar examinations and in December of that year was admitted to the Bar. He first practiced as his brother's associate and finally as his partner. Their office was in Norfolk.

In 1946, when Floyd Kellam was elevated to the bench, Richard B. Kellam and another brother, Edwin C. Kellam, formed the present law firm of Kellam and Kellam, with offices in Norfolk and Princess Anne. Associated with them in their firm are six other attorneys—Richard Tunstall, James M. Pickrell, Austin E. Owen, Joseph J. Lawler, Herbert S. Reid, Jr., and William H. Hodges, Jr.

Richard B. Kellam served with the United States Army in Europe in World War II. He was with the Office of Strategic Services and later was a paratrooper attached to the First Army Headquarters and afterward to the Twelfth Army Group. Separated from the service in November 1945, he resumed his law practice soon afterward. He has been chairman of the fund campaign and an officer of Norfolk Chapter, American National Red Cross, and is now on the advisory board and board of directors of the Salvation Army of Norfolk and the Norfolk County Anti-Tuberculosis League, respectively. He is a former member of the executive committee of the Democratic Party in Princess Anne County and is currently serving on the county's Sanitation Commission. At his church, the Methodist, he is on the board of stewards and teaches a young adults' Bible class. He is a past president of the Lions Club of Norfolk. Among his other organizations are the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, Virginia Bar Association, American Bar Association; the Ruritan Club of Princess Anne and the Cavalier Club at Virginia Beach.

In September 1947, in Princess Anne, Mr. Kel-

lam married Alice Malbon, daughter of P. J. and Alice (Sauter) Malbon. Her father was born in Norfolk, her mother in Albany, New York. Mr. Malbon was a hardware merchant in Norfolk for more than sixty years, operating a business which his own father had founded. He served in World War I as a Naval petty officer. Mrs. Malbon died in 1924. Mr. and Mrs. Kellam have three children: 1. Richard B., Jr., born on February 28, 1950. 2. Martha Goffigan, born on September 17, 1951. 3. Philip Jefferson, born May 26, 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Kellam and their children live in the Princess Anne home in which Mr. Kellam was born.

EDWIN TILGHMAN COULBOURN—In addition to his activities as an attorney, with offices in the National Bank of Suffolk Building in Suffolk, Edwin T. Coulbourn has held executive posts with a number of local corporations. He is president of Greenfield Dairy, Inc., and has been active in the lumber sales and building industries.

He is a native of Suffolk, and was born on April 13, 1912, son of Goldsborough Greenfield and Annie Katie (Tilghman) Coulbourn. Completing his public school education locally, Edwin T. Coulbourn was a student at Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, from 1930 to 1932. He then transferred to Washington and Lee University, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1935.

Admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia in that year, Mr. Coulbourn became associated with G. A. Harris and later became a partner in the firm of Harris and Coulbourn at Suffolk. He became a partner in the firm of Coulbourn and McLemore in 1942, and remained with that organization until 1951. Meantime, from 1941 to 1952, he was also active as a partner in Coulbourn Brothers, operators of Coulbourn Lumber Company, Coulbourn Building Supply Company, and the Greenfield Dairy. He was owner of the Greenfield Dairy from 1952 to 1955, and since it was incorporated in 1956, has been its president. He served for one year in the United States Army during World War II.

Mr. Coulbourn is chairman of the school board of the city of Suffolk. He was a director of the National School Boards Association from 1952 to 1955, and from 1949 to 1951 served as president of the Virginia School Board Association, of which he is still a member. He is a Rotarian, and was president of the Suffolk Rotary Club in the 1953-1954 term.

On February 27, 1937, Edwin Tilghman Coulbourn married Martha Clifton Higgins. They make their home at 406 Katherine Street, Suffolk, and are the parents of the following children: 1. Jane

Higgins. 2. Ann Tilghman. 3. Martha Rogers. 4. Elizabeth Crichton. 5. Goldsborough Edwin.

SOL FASS—In a life distinguished by many years of service in the public interest, Sol Fass won both recognition and respect in Portsmouth. As a businessman he headed the firm of Isaac Fass, Inc., wholesale producers, packers, and shippers of fish and oysters; and his city and the Tidewater region knew him as a vigorous leader in the cause of civic progress. It was said of him by one of his fellow workers in community causes:

He is the kind of fortunate individual who not only has force and enthusiasm but is somehow able to transmit those same qualities to those who work with him in community undertakings. He doesn't look for the popular cause. He has come to the rescue of some good Portsmouth causes that were failing, and made them popular.

The oldest son of Isaac and Jennie Fass, he was born in Portsmouth on October 23, 1894. His father was born on June 2, 1861, in Germany. In his early youth Isaac Fass came to the United States and settled briefly in New York before coming to Portsmouth. In 1883, realizing the opportunities in the distribution of fresh fish and seafood to inland towns, he founded the firm of Issac Fass, Inc., which has continued under that name to the present time. With foresight, he created new markets for the fish abounding in Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, and his organization has grown into one of the largest and most modern in its industry. It was incorporated in 1921, with Isaac Fass as president. He died on August 26 of the following year. In his career were emphasized the motives of the builder and the philanthropist, and he was a tireless worker who put his abilities to the best possible use.

He and his wife Jennie Fass were the parents of five children: 1. Irene, who died in 1953, was the wife of Mortimer Gordon, now of Portsmouth. 2. Sol, whose biographical record accompanies. 3. Alfred Luie, subject of an accompanying sketch. 4. Pearl, who married Seymour Weil of Baltimore, Maryland. 5. Ralph Marcus, also the subject of a separate sketch.

Sol Fass received his early education in the public schools of Portsmouth and graduated from Norfolk Academy at Norfolk. In 1912 he joined his father in the operation of Isaac Fass and, with the incorporation of this firm in 1921, became its secretary and treasurer. When his father died the following year, he succeeded him in the presidency and capably managed the organization until his own death in 1956. In reviewing his career a newspaper editorial commented:

He steadily expanded the business, added a large and modern freezing plant, a large fishing vessel, the "Isaac Fass," and an

interest in a number of other vessels that served as the Fass fleet. Long before he died, he and his brothers had made Fass a large name in the Atlantic Coast fishing industry and in wholesale fish distribution for many states.

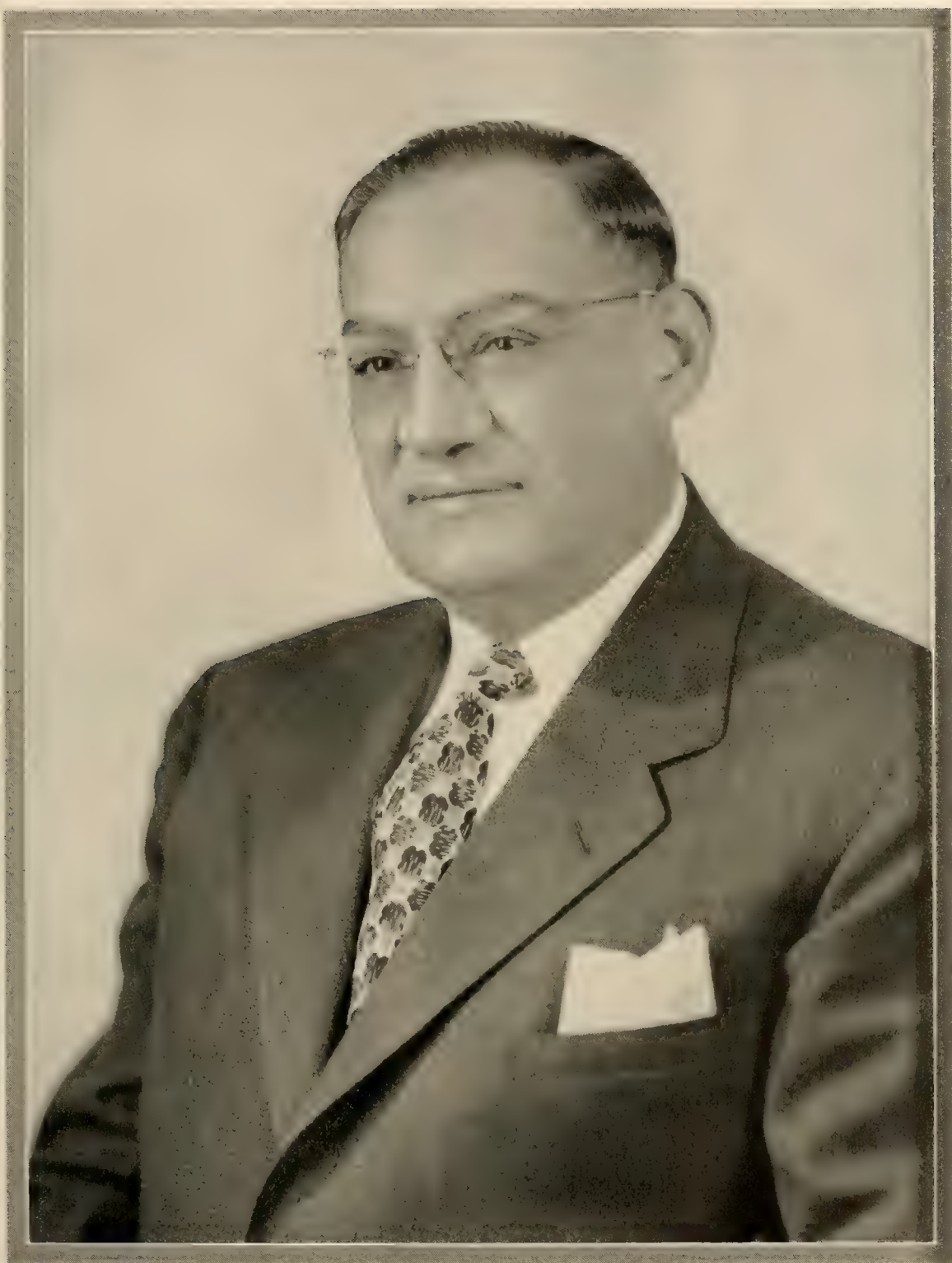
His abilities were effective in building up an organization which today gives employment to two hundred people, and he won wide recognition in his industry, being elected a director from Virginia to the National Fisheries Institute. In his own city his reputation rests as much upon his vital contribution to civic life as upon his role in industry. He was a past president of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and had served in many capacities, including chairmanship of many of its committees. He was instrumental in organizing the Portsmouth Industrial Foundation, and he had served as president of the Portsmouth Area Community Chest and as president of the Portsmouth Travelers Aid Society. A charter member of the local Kiwanis Club, he had also headed that organization. He was widely known for his leadership in Jewish affairs and had served as district president of B'nai B'rith, with jurisdiction over seven states. He had also served as vice president of the Supreme Lodge of the organization and as president of the Virginia State Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges. The Portsmouth chapter is named in his honor. Mr. Fass was also a leader in his own synagogue, Ohel Sholom Temple and Temple Sinai.

In recognition of such achievements, he was voted Portsmouth's First Citizen for 1948, by the membership of Portsmouth's lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose.

In 1926 Sol Fass married Katherine Isear of New York City, who survives him. They became the parents of one son, Stanley Kenneth. A graduate of Churchland High School in Churchland, Virginia, he received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Virginia and later attended Columbia University. Since his return from service in the United States Coast Guard, he has been associated with Isaac Fass, Inc.

The death of Sol Fass, on July 27, 1956, was recognized as a severe loss to his community. He had made a distinctive contribution, whose value will continue to be apparent in the years to come. In reviewing his career, one of his fellow townsmen wrote of him:

He was a hard worker. To him life, whether in business or in a civic activity, tended to be a serious matter. No one could have built up a large business or been so active in a city unless he had been, first, tireless. But while some hard-driving people make enemies and raise up stumbling blocks, Mr. Fass seldom or never did. He blended tact and diplomacy into the desire to get things done and get them well done. He was not a man to give his opinion quickly. His opinions, once slowly formed in his own mind, always commanded respect... His



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death at the age of sixty-one comes regrettably soon. The shock is tempered only by the recognition that he had made an excellent use of sixty-one years.

ALFRED LUIE FASS—Since his return from service in World War I, A. Luie Fass has been active in the management of the family firm, Isaac Fass, Inc., and now holds the office of president. A native of Portsmouth, he was born on September 26, 1896, son of Isaac and Jennie Fass, and brother of Sol Fass, who headed the firm until his recent death, and of R. Marcus Fass, still active in its management. Isaac Fass was the founder of the firm, which has earned a place of leadership as a wholesale producer, packer, and shipper of fish and oysters. Home offices are at the foot of Columbia Street, Portsmouth.

A. Luie Fass received his early education in the public schools of Portsmouth and graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1914. He received his degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia in 1918. While there he was a member of Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity, being one of the founders of the university's chapter. After graduation, Mr. Fass entered the wartime service of the United States Coast Artillery.

When he returned to civilian life in 1919, he became vice president of Isaac Fass, Inc., and has remained an executive of the firm since that time. In his present position he is largely responsible for directing its operations.

He is a member of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of the higher bodies of the York Rite and of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Hague Club and attends Ohel Sholom Temple in Norfolk.

On January 4, 1928, A. Luie Fass married Marcelle Kline of Baltimore, Maryland. They are the parents of two sons: 1. Irving Luie, born on April 22, 1929. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia. Following military service in World War II, he joined Isaac Fass, Inc. 2. Arthur Marshall, born on March 12, 1933, also graduated from the University of Virginia. Following wartime service in the United States Navy, with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, he too entered the firm of Isaac Fass, Inc.

RALPH MARCUS FASS—The youngest son of Isaac and Jennie Fass, R. Marcus Fass has been active since the beginning of his career in the firm which his father founded. He is now its secretary and treasurer.

A native of Portsmouth, he was born on December 13, 1902. He received his public school education in his native city and graduated from Wood-

row Wilson High School in 1919. He then attended the University of Virginia and, as an undergraduate there, held membership in Phi Epsilon fraternity. He later attended Columbia University.

Since leaving the university in 1921, he has devoted his attention almost exclusively to the operation of Isaac Fass, Inc., Portsmouth's well-known fish and oyster wholesaling firm. He has served for many years as its secretary; and following the death of his brother Sol, he assumed additional duties as an executive. A fuller record of the firm's history is to be found in Sol Fass' biographical sketch, which accompanies.

R. Marcus Fass is a member of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce. A member of the Suburban Country Club of that city, he served as its treasurer in 1956. He is a member of the Portsmouth Chapter of the University of Virginia Alumni Association and was president of the chapter in 1955. He is also a member of the Hague Club. A leader in Jewish affairs, he was one of the organizers of the B'nai B'rith in Portsmouth and is a member of Temple Sinai and Gomley Chesed Synagogue of Portsmouth, as well as Ohel Sholom Temple in Norfolk.

On August 20, 1941, R. Marcus Fass married Dorothy Davidson of New York City. They have no children.

VERNON T. FOREHAND—With office in Norfolk and home in South Norfolk, Vernon T. Forehand has become a leading citizen of both communities. Attorney and Democratic leader, he is active in business and in fraternal and other organizations. He is currently serving as Commissioner of Accounts of the City of South Norfolk.

Mr. Forehand was born in Norfolk on April 17, 1911, the son of George W. and Huldah P. (Howell) Forehand, both of whom were born in Camden County, North Carolina. The father was a farmer and grocer in South Norfolk until his death in 1950, at the age of sixty. Huldah Forehand now makes her home at Danville, Virginia.

Reared in South Norfolk, Vernon T. Forehand received his early education in its public schools. He was graduated from high school in 1928. As he pursued his education, he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Randolph-Macon College in 1939 and that of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Richmond in 1951.

Admitted to practice in the latter year, he entered his profession actively in the office of the Honorable G. C. Davis, Judge of Corporation Court of South Norfolk. After one year with Judge Davis, Mr. Forehand opened his own of-

rice at 310 Board of Trade Building. He has been in independent practice since that time. He has served since 1952 as assistant judge of the Trial Justice Court of the City of South Norfolk and became that city's Commissioner of Accounts in 1951, serving to date. He is a past president of the South Norfolk Democratic Association. He is now president of the Randolph-Macon Alumni Association and is vice president of the South Norfolk Loan Corporation.

In his other affiliations, Mr. Forehand is a past president of South Norfolk Lodge No. 464, Loyal Order of Moose, and of the Civitan Club of South Norfolk. He is a member of the Lions Club of South Norfolk, the Knights of Pythias and various Masonic bodies, including Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Professionally, he is a member of the Virginia State Bar, Virginia State Bar Association, of which he is a member of the committee on admissions, and the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association. He worships in the Methodist Church.

On December 19, 1942, Mr. Forehand married Irma House, daughter of William and Lottie (Walker) House, the former a native of Alabama, the latter of Norfolk. Mr. House, now retired, worked for many years in the Navy Yard at Norfolk. In World War I he served with the United States Marine Corps and was wounded in action in France. Mr. and Mrs. Forehand have one son, Vernon Thomas, Jr., who was born in Norfolk on August 17, 1947. Their home is at 1134 Byrd Avenue, South Norfolk. Mrs. Forehand, who is a teacher in the South Norfolk school system, was the first president of the South Norfolk Woman's Club.

CLAUDE SCOTT McCALLUM—As founder and directing head of McCallum Inspection Company, a firm of inspection engineers and chemists, Claude Scott McCallum played a significant personal part in the affairs of his city. A native of Jacksonville, Florida, he was born on September 10, 1904, son of Hugh James and Ordella Lester (Scott) McCallum. His paternal grandfather was Hugh Bowen McCallum, who was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on January 1, 1837. He was closely identified with the early development of Jacksonville and founded a newspaper, the "Jacksonville Union," predecessor to the present "Times-Union," the city's leading daily. Hugh James, son of Hugh Bowen, was born in Jacksonville on October 25, 1866, and died September 28, 1933. His business career was centered in Alachula County and Jacksonville, Florida. His wife, the former Ordella Les-

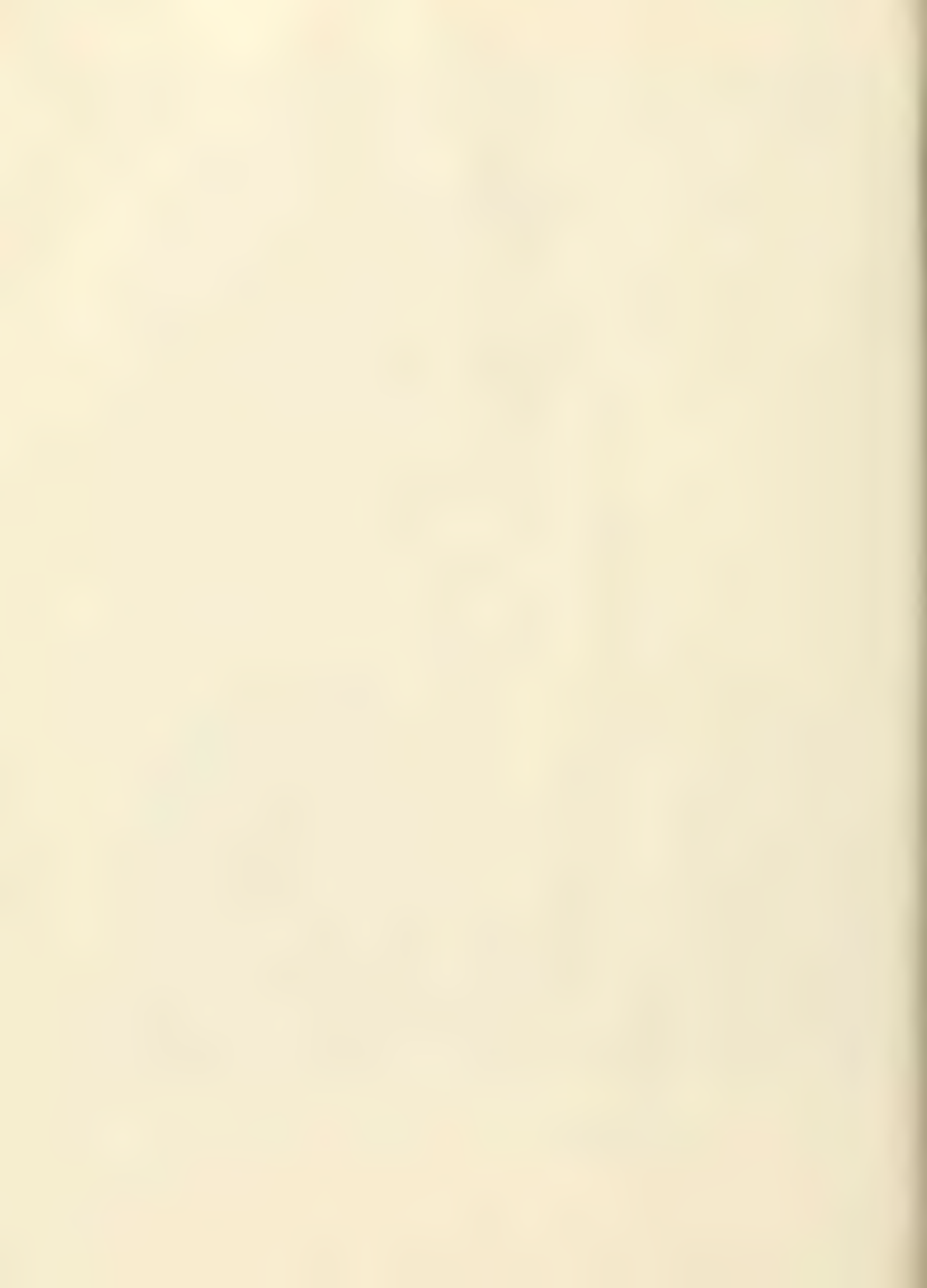
ter Scott, was born December 29, 1872, in Fernandina, Florida, and died in Jacksonville on February 28, 1954. She was a great-granddaughter of John D. Vaughn, a soldier of the American Revolution. According to Massachusetts records, John D. Vaughn was thirteen years of age when he enlisted as a drummer boy, but gave his age as sixteen. He served in Captain Wiley's Company, Colonel Michael Jackson's Regiment, and was later with Colonel Arnold's command at the battle of Saratoga and with General Washington at Valley Forge. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war in 1783. He later served in the Indian Wars in Captain Pierce's Regiment and in 1795 was commissioned a lieutenant of militia at Burnt Fort, Georgia, retaining his command until January 1796. About that time he married Rhoda Effingham, niece of Thomas Harvey, owner of a plantation at Peter's Point, near St. Mary's, Georgia. In 1797 Lieutenant Vaughn received from the Spanish government a grant of a large tract of land on Amelia Island. He also received one hundred acres of bounty land for service in the Revolution and still another grant for service in the Indian Wars. He again entered military service in the War of 1812 and, after that conflict, spent his years on his Amelia Island plantation, where the first Sea Island cotton was grown.

Claude Scott McCallum received his formal education in the schools of Florida, and came to Norfolk in 1923. In 1929 he founded the McCallum Inspection Company of Norfolk, of which he remained the sole owner and directing head. The firm specializes in the inspection of timber and creosoted materials and has its offices and laboratory at 125 West Berkley Avenue. It has become nationally and internationally known in its specialized field and served many industrial firms in this country and abroad. His business enterprises included operations in explosives, a field in which Mr. McCallum was a recognized expert. Besides his interest in the management of McCallum Inspection Company, Claude S. McCallum had considerable real estate holdings.

In professional affiliations, he was a member of the American Wood Preservers Association, the Engineers Club of Hampton Roads, the Hampton Road Chemists Club, the Railway Tie Association, and the Virginia Public Utility Association. His other memberships, indicative of a wide range of interests, included the Virginia Club, the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Lafayette Yacht Club, Cavalier Beach and Cabana Club, United Commercial Travelers, Izaak Walton League of America, United States Power Squadron, and the Norfolk Executives Club. He was a member of the Charles H. Con-



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solve Tent of Circus Saints and Sinners, and his other lodge connections included the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Doric Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry he was a member of the higher bodies of the order, including Ionic Chapter No. 46, Royal Arch Masons, and Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar. He was a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His church was St. Bride's Episcopal.

A noted sportsman, Mr. McCallum had won many trophies. As an avid yachting enthusiast, he enjoyed the Virginia Cruise Regatta competition on Chesapeake Bay. He traveled much by land, sea, and air, but was never so happy as when he was aboard his ketch, "Claudia." Fishing was another of his favorite pastimes, and he also enjoyed hunting and other outdoor sports.

By his first marriage, to Blair Lee Cox, of Norfolk, Claude Scott McCallum had two children: 1. Don Blair, who was killed in an accident on April 1, 1955. 2. Claude Lee, who lives in Haynes City, Florida. On November 27, 1937, at Warrenton, North Carolina, Claude Scott McCallum married, second, Georgie Battley Walker of Norfolk, daughter of the late Frank Wilber Wooten and Julia Sullivan (Battley) Walker. Her maternal grandmother was Lucy Lightfoot Carter of the James River section of Powhatan County, Virginia, and her maternal grandfather was Gerald T. Sullivan. After Mr. Sullivan's death, she married George W. Battley, a native and businessman of Norfolk, Virginia. Her paternal grandfather, John Lewis Walker, and her paternal grandmother, Caroline Virginia Mitchell, were married in Norfolk, Virginia in 1872. Mrs. McCallum is a member of St. Bride's Episcopal Church and is also a member of its Women's Auxiliary and the Altar Guild. She has also been active for many years in the Virginia Tidewater Area Council of the Girl Scouts of America. Mr. and Mrs. McCallum became the parents of a daughter, Claudia, who married Donald B. Zarn of Norfolk. Mrs. McCallum makes her home at 1002 Oaklette Avenue.

The death of Claude S. McCallum, at his Norfolk home on December 7, 1956, marked the passing of an outstanding businessman, civic leader, and sportsman. Despite an untimely death, his five decades had been filled with worth-while achievements seldom to be found in the records of those who live a full and lengthy span of years. Norfolk citizens will remember and honor these achievements.

ROBERT MARTIN HARCOURT—When Robert Martin Harcourt left the United States Navy after World War II, he joined the Norfolk

Police Department. In the next five years he studied law by correspondence and then took the Virginia Bar examinations. Today he is a lawyer in Norfolk with a constantly increasing practice. He is known for his interest in boys and the work he is doing at his church on their behalf. He maintains his law office in the Board of Trade Building, Norfolk.

Mr. Harcourt was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 9, 1924, one of the five sons of Oscar Pierre and Ida (Turrentine) Harcourt. His father was born in Rock, Kansas, his mother in Marionville, Missouri, both in 1898. Oscar Harcourt, who died in December 1954, was with Swift and Company for twenty-two years. For a time he was assistant chief of the Swift and Company police at the National Stock Yards in Chicago. He served in the United States Signal Corps in World War I and thereafter was active in the American Legion and its Forty and Eight. Through his pride in his five sons he gave them the kind of guidance to which Robert Harcourt attributes much of his success. At the time of his death the family was living in East St. Louis, Illinois. Ida Harcourt makes her home there today.

Robert Harcourt, who spent much of his early life at East St. Louis, was graduated from junior and senior high school in that community, though for a time he also attended high school at Decatur, Georgia. He received his diploma at East St. Louis on June 10, 1942. He then enlisted in the United States Navy and for the next three years served as a Navy bombardier and gunner, chiefly in the European Theater of Operations.

Separated from the service in September 1945, he worked for Swift and Company in East St. Louis until the latter part of 1948. He then was associated in private detection work for some time. He came to the Lower Tidewater area and on February 13, 1949, joined the Norfolk Police Department. In the next five years he devoted all his off-duty time to studying law with the LaSalle Extension University of Chicago. He was graduated on February 6, 1954, and soon thereafter passed the Virginia Bar examinations. On April 1, 1954, he began his law practice. At the time he became eligible to practice law in the Old Dominion, Mr. Harcourt publicly received the congratulations of Deputy Police Chief C. J. Staylor, Jr., who issued a statement saying the new attorney "deserves a lot of credit and the police division is proud of him. He established a good record as a patrolman." It was recalled at the time that Mr. Harcourt had received two commendations for meritorious service—one from a private citizen for his alertness in recovering stolen property and one from J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Hoover's commenda-

tion was for assistance rendered by Mr. Harcourt as a radio dispatcher to G. N. Willis, special agent in charge of the FBI at Norfolk, in setting up a road block which resulted in the arrest of two fugitives sought on Federal charges.

Besides his law practice and civic activities, Mr. Harcourt devotes much time to religious work and to what might be called a youth program at Fox Hall Baptist Church. There he was coach and manager of a softball team, and now teaches a young boys' class in the Sunday school. In 1954 he was named director of the Baptist Training Union for two years. He also served on the church's board of deacons. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia Bar Association, Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association, American Bar Association and Fraternal Order of Police Associates. His political affiliation is with the Democratic Party. Hunting and fishing are his favorite sports.

On August 11, 1945, in Norfolk, Mr. Harcourt married Betty Louise Brett, daughter of L. E. Brett, Sr. and Louise (Johnson) Brett. Mrs. Harcourt was born in Portsmouth as was her father. Her mother is a native of North Carolina. Mr. Brett has been assistant general freight agent for the Virginia Railway since 1954, having been with this road since 1925. Mrs. Harcourt is, like her husband, active in church work and was president of the Fox Hall Missionary Union. She is also one of the leaders in her Parent-Teacher Association. The Harcourts have three children: 1. Robert Martin, Jr., born on July 11, 1946. 2. Jack Eugene, born on November 28, 1949. 3. Lois K., born on January 19, 1955.

WILLIAM WELLINGTON JONES—A lawyer practicing at Suffolk for the past decade, William Wellington Jones also has to his credit a good record in public office as trial justice and commonwealth attorney, and distinguished service to his country in the navy in World War II. He is a native of Portsmouth, and was born on December 30, 1921, son of Roy and Margaret (Heflin) Jones. His father, born in Nansemond County in 1892, is still living, and has been a farmer most of his life. Mrs. Jones died on April 17, 1949. She was born at Silver City, New Mexico, in 1893.

Attending the public schools of Nansemond County, William W. Jones took his secondary studies at Chuckatuck High School and graduated there in 1939. He completed requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the College of William and Mary in 1943. He then entered the service of the United States Navy, was commissioned an ensign, and served for three years. At the time of his separation from the service he held the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

When he returned to civilian life he resumed his studies, re-entering the College of William and Mary and taking his degree of Bachelor of Civil Law there in 1947. Admitted to the bar of his state in that year, he established private practice in Suffolk, where he has since maintained offices under his own name.

Mr. Jones became trial justice of Nansemond County in July 1949, and served until August 1954. In that month he assumed duties as commonwealth attorney for Nansemond County, and continued in these state responsibilities until January 1956. As a lawyer, he is a member of the Suffolk-Nansemond County Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the Virginia State Bar.

His fraternity is Kappa Sigma, and he belongs to the Lions Club, the Ruritan Club, and Post No. 57 of the American Legion in his own city. An Episcopalian, he serves as vestryman of his church. He is fond of the out-of-doors, and his favorite sports are horseback riding and fishing.

At Driver on June 3, 1944, William Wellington Jones married Elizabeth Hill, daughter of James R. and Sudie (Williams) Hill of Sunbury, North Carolina. Both of her parents are living. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two children: 1. William Wellington, Jr., born November 29, 1951. 2. Mary Margaret, born July 8, 1954.

PAGE NOTTINGHAM GOFFIGON was, for more than three decades, a well known and respected figure and a leader in lower Tidewater's vitally important shipping industry. He was the founder and president of Cavalier Shipping Company, a firm of Foreign Freight Forwarders, Custom House Brokers and Charterers Agents.

Born at Norfolk, Virginia, on September 1, 1903, he was the son of Cumpston and Mamie (Butt) Goffigon. He received his entire education in the local public schools, and at the age of sixteen began his career in the shipping business with Affleck & Company, Foreign Freight Forwarders. He later became associated with Norton & Ellis, Inc., as a stockholder and secretary of the firm, with which he remained until 1931. At this time, deciding to put his valuable experience to use in an organization of his own, Mr. Goffigon formed the Cavalier Shipping Company. He was president of that firm until the end of his life. He was a partner in the Cavalier Shipping & Storage Company, vice president of Virginia Forwarding Corporation, vice president of Anchor Forwarding Corporation of Virginia, manager of Alltransport Agency, a partner in Tidewater Shipping Company, and secretary of Hampton Roads Foreign Freight Forwarders, Inc.



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Mr. Goffigon was active in the Hampton Roads Maritime Association, and served as a member of its board of directors as a representative of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. He was also chairman of the Association's Commerce and Transportation Committee and a member of its Freight Forwarders Committee.

He held office as treasurer and member of the board of governors in the Propeller Club and as secretary of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Traffic Club. He also held membership in the Export-Import Association of Virginia, Hampton Roads Sales Executives Club, Norfolk Executives Club, Cavalier Beach Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Virginia Club, and Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

For many years Mr. Goffigon was a member of the Knox Presbyterian Church, and his minister, Mr. George D. Heath, writes of his church life as follows:

As a Deacon he served on the Steering Committee which laid the financial groundwork for new facilities and as a member of the Building Committee he worked for, and saw completed, a new educational building to serve the members and children of Knox Church. Elected as an Elder to the Session of the church in 1956, Mr. Goffigon served as a representative to Norfolk Presbytery, as a member of the Norfolk Presbytery's Stewardship Committee, and a devoted and interested supporter of the church's Squires Memorial Scholarship Fund, and as Chairman of the Church's Board of Annuities and Relief in the interest of ministers of Knox Church and its employees and ministers and employees of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. Despite the success and achievement stories written of such men as Page Goffigon insofar as their labor in this life is concerned, the true measure of any man rests in his relationship to God.

Although he did not wear religion on his sleeve, neither did he want the fact concealed that he was a Presbyterian and very active in church life, although some people first learned he was a Church Elder at his funeral.

Like most men who live in ports, Mr. Goffigon's knowledge of the world was extensive, and this was of considerable help in his dealings with many rough and seemingly impossible situations which arose in dealing with people of many nationalities. Such situations are best illustrated by an example: on a rough and stormy night Mr. Goffigon waited on a launch in the Norfolk Harbor for a freighter to arrive to deliver to his custody three sailors, one insane, one desperately ill, and one dead; with his knack of bringing all problems to a successful conclusion, he delivered the ill seaman to the hospital, where he soon recovered and was returned to duty, the deceased sailor was laid to rest with appropriate ceremony under the flag of his country, and the insane sailor was committed to the hospital and later repatriated to his homeland. Probably this particular situation arose only once in Mr. Goffigon's lifetime, but it drama-

tizes the interest he took in the affairs of his clients and evidences his keen interest in helping people in all walks of life. He never seemed to lose sight of the fact that he was dealing with people and not simply carrying out a contract.

On October 21, 1933, Mr. Goffigon married Miss Virginia Leonard Bledsoe, daughter of John Francis and Harriet Edna (Seal) Bledsoe of Baltimore, Maryland. Their son, Page Nottingham, Jr., was born on August 24, 1934, and is following in his father's footsteps as a member of Cavalier Shipping Company. He is married to Miss Susan deWolff Carll of Washington, D. C.

A distinguished career of great value to the commercial life of Norfolk and the Tidewater area, as well as the shipping industry at large, came to an end with the death of Mr. Goffigon at Norfolk General Hospital on April 4, 1958.

EDGAR ALLEN MASSENBURG—As a member of the bench and bar, Edgar Allen Massenburg has become a prominent citizen of his native Hampton, Virginia. In practice in Hampton, he has served both the City of Hampton and the Consolidated City of Hampton as city attorney and is now a substitute Civil and Police Justice and substitute Judge of the Domestic Relations Court. He is a Naval veteran of World War II.

Mr. Massenburg, born in Hampton on August 15, 1925, is the son of George Alvin and Carrie (Wood) Massenburg. A pilot in the Port of Hampton Roads, Captain George A. Massenburg is president of the Virginia Pilots Association. The attorney received his early education in the public schools of Hampton, being graduated from high school in 1942. He then spent two years at the Virginia Military Institute. In 1944, he was commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy. He served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of Operations until 1946, rising to the rank of lieutenant junior grade.

Separated from the service in 1946, Mr. Massenburg continued with his education. He prepared for the Bar at the University of Virginia, where he was granted the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1949. Admitted to the Virginia State Bar on August 25, 1949, he has since been in practice in Hampton, maintaining his office at 10 South King Street.

In 1951 and 1952 he served as city attorney of Hampton and in 1953 and 1954 as city attorney of the Consolidated City of Hampton. Since 1954 he has been a substitute Civil and Police Justice and substitute Judge of the Domestic Relations Court. He is a Democrat and a member of the Hampton Bar Association, Virginia Bar Association; Hampton Lodge No. 366,

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Sigma Nu Phi, the legal fraternity. For a time he was also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Hampton. He and his family worship at the Hampton Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Massenburg married Dolores E. Chenoweth of East Orange, New Jersey, in that community on June 21, 1947. They have two children: 1. Sharon, born on May 16, 1949. 2. Gayle Allen, born on August 15, 1953.

HARRY ADMIRAL BRINKLEY—Together with a distinguished career in the law, which he practiced at Portsmouth for fifty-six years, Harry Admiral Brinkley won a reputation on the bench, serving as judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of Norfolk. He was a man of integrity, great energy, and intense civic pride, who possessed likewise a large capacity for enjoying life. His long years of public service and private professional activity constitute a record of achievement which will long be remembered.

Judge Brinkley was born in Portsmouth on April 25, 1877, son of the late Admiral Brinkley, a native of Nansemond County who was prominent in the business life of Portsmouth as a wholesale grocer. Admiral Brinkley married Laura Warren, of Portsmouth.

Receiving his early education at Norfolk Academy, Harry A. Brinkley later attended Virginia Military Institute, where he was a student for three years. From there he transferred his credits to the University of Virginia, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1899. He began his private practice of law in Portsmouth and soon won wide recognition for his professional attainments and public spirit. As a lawyer he continued his practice in Portsmouth until his death in February of 1956—a total of nearly fifty-seven years. For many years he was local counsel for the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company. In addition to his private practice he served as the United States Commissioner for the Eastern District of Virginia from 1918 until his death. He took office as assistant judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Norfolk from 1928 until the end of his life. In addition to these posts of public responsibility, he was also commissioner of accounts for the Court of Hustings in Portsmouth. This position he held for forty-three years. He was likewise commissioner of chancery for the Circuit Court of Hustings and the Circuit Court of Norfolk. He was last reappointed United States Commissioner for a term of four years on July 14, 1954. That term began on August 2 of that year.

Deeply interested in social welfare work, Harry A. Brinkley believed that the juvenile problem was far from a local issue, but of vital concern to the

entire nation. During his long years of service as assistant judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, he never committed a youngster to an industrial school unless there was absolutely no other alternative.

As a lawyer in private practice, he maintained his offices for many years in the New Kirn Building in Portsmouth, which was always the scene of much activity. He was a member of the Virginia State Bar Association and the Portsmouth-Norfolk County Bar Association, having served as president of this group for many years.

In the early years of his career, Mr. Brinkley had served as commanding officer of the historic Grimes Battery. Captain Brinkley was commissioned January 8, 1907, and commanded the battery for about seven years. During the World War I period, he served as a captain of the Norfolk Home Guards. He was a grand-nephew of the hero of the Battle of Sharsburg, in the War Between the States—Captain Carey Grimes. Battery C, which is now part of the 29th Division of the Virginia National Guard, was named for Captain Grimes. For his services in World War II, as a member of the Selective Service Board of Appeals for Portsmouth, Mr. Brinkley received the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, and was active in other worthy causes in furthering the war effort.

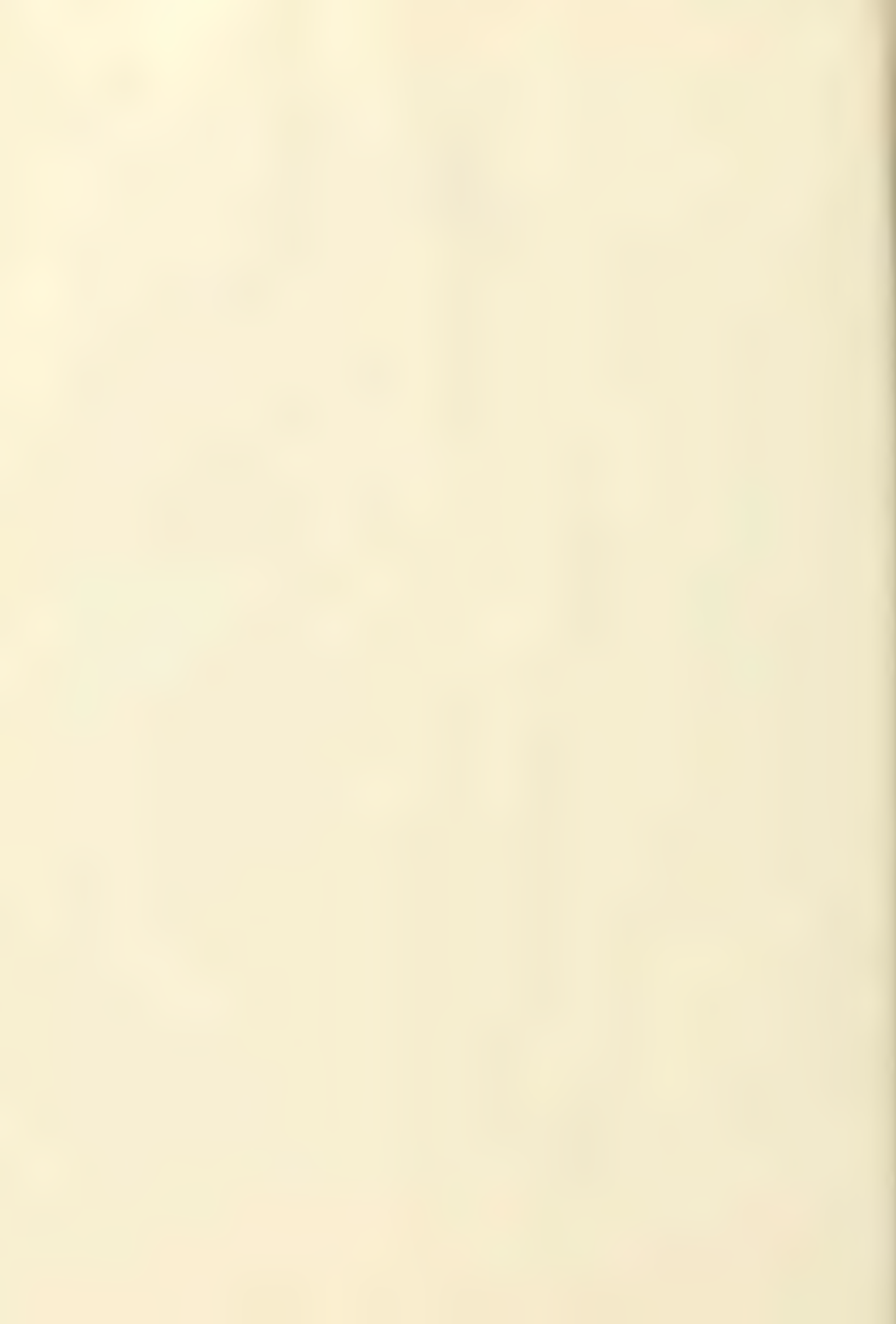
Mr. Brinkley was a member of the Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville, Virginia; the Princess Anne Country Club of Virginia Beach; the German Club of Norfolk; and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. A man of limitless energy, he always appeared youthful and cheerful. He led a vigorous and useful life. Throughout his life he was fond of travel, and made extended trips into various parts of the United States. He also took a two months' tour of Europe. When questioned about what he had seen, he declared, "I saw nothing as beautiful as the Confederate Monument at Court and High Streets in Portsmouth." An interesting conversationalist and story-teller, he was able to draw from his own experience to provide examples or anecdotes suitable to any occasion. His close study of human nature enabled him to meet all manner of people on their own ground without any touch of condescension. He had a consistent and well-thought-out philosophy of life, to which he adhered in his business and professional relationships, as well as family man and citizen.

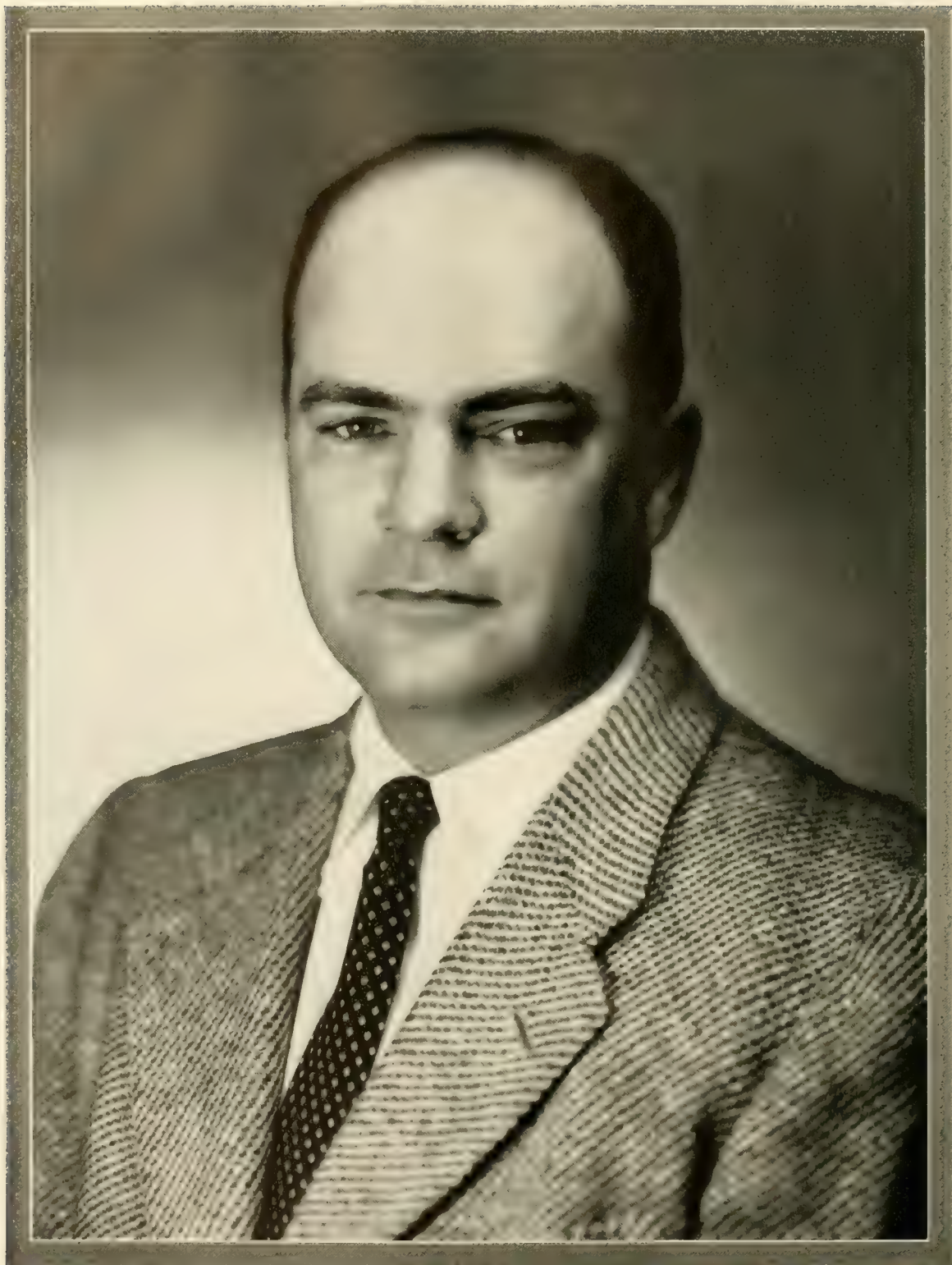
Harry A. Brinkley was twice married. He married, first, Miss Mamie Thompson of Baltimore, Maryland. She died, and he married, second, in 1941, Miss Nancy Darden Jordan of Norfolk, who survives him and resides in that city.

The death of the former jurist, and dean of the Norfolk bar, occurred on February 19, 1956.



Harry A. Brinkley





Ken Smith

ROBERT VULOSCO RICHARDSON—A former law clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia and a veteran of World War II, Robert Vulosco Richardson is now practicing law in Hampton. He serves on the Electoral Board of the City of Hampton and on the board of directors of the Merchants National Bank of Hampton. As a lawyer he is a member of the firm of James, Richardson and James, with offices in the Citizens Bank Building, Hampton.

Mr. Richardson was born in Hampton on February 27, 1915, the son of Robert Vulosco Richardson, Sr., a building contractor who served as postmaster of Hampton from 1921 to 1929, and Kate (Litherland) Richardson. The father was born in James City County, Virginia, and the mother in the State of Illinois.

Robert V. Richardson, the attorney, was graduated from Hampton High School in 1931. Four years later he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the College of William and Mary and in 1938 the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Virginia. He was admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1937. It was from 1938 to 1940 that he served as law clerk for the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. He served under Justice C. V. Spratley.

From 1940 to 1946 Mr. Richardson was with the armed forces. Commissioned in the United States Signal Corps, he served as a signal officer at the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation and was discharged with the rank of major in February 1946. Upon his return home, he began the practice of law as an associate of E. Ralph James in Hampton. This firm became James and Richardson in 1947 and James, Richardson and James in 1950. His outside activities have taken him into service as a director of the Merchants National Bank and as a member of the Electoral Board. Additionally, he is a member of Hampton Lodge No. 366, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Hampton Roads German Club; Phi Kappa Tau, the social fraternity, and the Baptist Church.

Mr. Richardson married Barbara B. Baker, daughter of James Carr and Genevieve (Shute) Baker, in Newport News in July 1942. They have three children: 1. Susan S., born in 1944. 2. Robert Vulosco, III, born in 1945. 3. James B., born in 1947. Mrs. Richardson and the children worship in the Episcopal Church.

EPHRAIM WESCOTT SMITH, JR.—After some years' experience in the banking business, Ephraim Wescott Smith, Jr., capably filled the responsible public office of Commissioner of Revenue for the Virginia Beaches. He held that posi-

tion when his life came to its untimely end early in 1958. He had already left a record of valuable service to his community, as well as to his country in time of war.

Born December 17, 1918, at Durham, North Carolina, he was a son of Ephraim Wescott, Sr., and Bertha (Parker) Smith. His father, a native of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, has worked for the Southern Railroad most of his life and is now retired. Mrs. Smith is deceased. She was a native of Durham, North Carolina.

Attending the public schools of Chapel Hill, the younger Ephraim Wescott Smith graduated from high school there, and entered the University of North Carolina, which he attended for two years.

In 1944, after receiving medical discharge from the United States Army Air Corps, he joined the staff of the National Bank of Commerce at Virginia Beach, worked for that organization for a year and a half, then took a position as assistant cashier of the Bank of Virginia Beach. He remained in this second banking connection for seven years.

In 1951, Judge Floyd Kellam appointed Mr. Smith to the post of First Commissioner of Revenue of Virginia Beach. He held the position until the time of his death, on January 21, 1958, filling the post with competence and with devotion and a high sense of responsibility to the public.

Mr. Smith was absent at the time of World War II, serving in the United States Army Air Corps, which he joined January 6, 1942. As a pilot, he was commissioned a second lieutenant, and he served as instructor stateside. After two and a half years in service, he was given a medical discharge in 1944.

He was a charter member of the Virginia Beach Rescue Squads, and remained on active duty in its program until the time of his death. He was also a member of the posts of the American Legion and the Forty and Eight. He was formerly a member of the Virginia Beach Lions Club, and was a communicant of the Methodist Church, being active in its program.

At South Mills, North Carolina, on December 29, 1941, Ephraim Wescott Smith, Jr., married Mary Forrester of Norfolk, daughter of the Rev. George Thomas and Mamie (Wheeler) Forrester. Her father was a Methodist minister. He was a native of Northumberland County, and his wife, the former Mamie Wheeler, of Nelson County. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of three children: 1. Terry Wescott, born July 28, 1946. 2. William Coit, born December 12, 1949. 3. Yancey Ladare, born May 13, 1952.

Mr. Smith had not reached his fortieth year at the time of his death on January 21, 1958. He had

to his credit, however, an excellent record of achievement, attained by few men granted a full life span.

CHARLES EDWIN FORD—Since he returned from service in the field artillery in World War I, Charles Edwin Ford has practiced law at Newport News, and is now a member of the firm of Murray, Ford, West and Wilkinson. He has served his fellow citizens for two years as a member of the Virginia General Assembly.

Mr. Ford is a native of Newport News and was born on August 1, 1896, son of Edwin I. and Stella (Eastman) Ford. His father, who was born in Goochland County, Virginia, was identified with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad during most of his career, and advanced to a general superintendency. He is now deceased, but is survived by his wife, the former Stella Eastman, who is eighty-four years of age at the time of writing.

After attending the public schools of Newport News and graduating from high school there, Charles Edwin Ford entered Virginia Military Institute, where he was a member of the class of 1916. He then completed law training at the University of Richmond, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1917, and being admitted to the bar just before entering military service. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the Field Artillery, and was in uniform for one year.

When he returned to civilian life, he began practice at Newport News, where he has been since. His firm of Murray, Ford, West and Wilkinson, which engages in a general practice, has its offices in the First National Bank Building. Mr. Ford is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

A Democrat in his politics, he was his party's choice as candidate for the state legislature, and was elected to the Virginia General Assembly in 1932, serving until 1934. He has not since sought nor accepted public office, but devotes the time he can spare from his professional pursuits to the quieter, home-centered interests. Foremost among these is his hobby of cultivating roses, and salt water fishing. He is a member of James River Country Club, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and Delta Theta Phi law fraternity. He and his family attend the First Baptist Church of Newport News.

In that city, on June 11, 1919, Charles Edwin Ford married Mildred Ivy Creasy, a native of Newport News and daughter of Dr. W. F. and Ella (Ivy) Creasy, both of whom are deceased. Her father practiced medicine in Newport News. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are the parents of four chil-

dren: Mildred Lee, Edwin Ivanhoe, Bettye Creasy, and Carolyn Ivy; and the grandparents of twelve.

DANIEL WINFREE WILKINSON, JR.—Member of the law firm of Murray, Ford, West and Wilkinson, in Newport News, Daniel W. Wilkinson, Jr., has practiced in that city since the late 1930s, with the exception of the World War II years, when he served as an officer in the United States Navy. He is a native of the city where he practices, born there on September 8, 1914, son of Daniel W., Sr., and Grace (Warrington) Wilkinson. Both of his parents were likewise natives of Virginia, his father having been born at Danville and his mother at Driver. The elder Daniel W. Wilkinson died May 8, 1944, but Mrs. Wilkinson is still living.

Attending the public schools of Newport News, Daniel W. Wilkinson, Jr., graduated from high school there in 1931. For two years he attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he completed his prelaw courses, and he completed his professional studies at Washington and Lee University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1938. Already, in 1937, he had been admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia.

He began his practice at Newport News as soon as he had graduated from law school, and has been there since, with the exception of the World War II period. In 1942 he enlisted for service in the United States Navy, and served until 1946, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. He spent most of his time in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Returning to his law practice in Newport News in 1946, he is now a member of the firm of Murray, Ford, West and Wilkinson, with offices in the First National Bank Building. His partners are Philip W. Murray, Charles E. Ford and Granger West. The firm engages in a general practice of corporation, real estate, insurance, probate and trial law. It acts as division counsel for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, and as counsel for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, Greyhound Lines, Travelers Insurance Company, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, the State Highway Commissioner of Virginia, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, and a number of nationally known insurance firms.

Mr. Wilkinson is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity, and Lodge No. 315, Benevolent and Protective



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Order of Elks; also the Kiwanis Club of Newport News and the James River Country Club. His favorite pastimes are fishing and golf. Mr. Wilkinson and his family attend the Chestnut Avenue Methodist Church. He is a Democrat in his politics.

On November 1, 1941, in Newport News, Daniel W. Wilkinson, Jr., married Virginia Orr of that city, daughter of Thomas and Stella (Porter) Orr. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson are the parents of one daughter, Margaret Allyn, who was born on November 4, 1943.

PHILIP HAIRSTON SEAWELL—Practicing law in Newport News for the past decade and a half, Philip Hairston Seawell is with the firm of Murray, Ford, West and Wilkinson. He has proved himself a constructive worker in civic causes and Catholic affairs.

Born at Newport News, he is a son of John Tyler and Isabella Josephine (Brady) Seawell, the former of Gloucester County, Virginia, and the latter of Staten Island, New York. Both parents are living. P. Hairston Seawell attended public and private schools in Newport News, after which he entered the College of William and Mary. There he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1937, and the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law in 1939. Although admitted to the bar in the latter year, Mr. Seawell did not immediately begin practice, but went to New York City, where he was active in the publications field.

Since 1941, he has practiced law at Newport News. He is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar Association. He also retains membership in the Wythe Law Club, which he joined while a student at the College of William and Mary. He is Government Appeal Agent of Newport News Selective Service Board.

One of Mr. Seawell's major civic interests is the Newport News Public Library, and he is currently serving as president of its governing body. He is a member of the board of the Peninsula Home for the Aged. He is also a member of St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus, and he has twice served as president of the Bureau of Catholic Charities of Virginia. He was a charter member of the Hampton Roads Junior Chamber of Commerce and has recently been appointed co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The study of history, particularly that of his own region, has claimed a considerable share of his attention. He is a member of the Virginia Historical Society, Order of First Families of

Virginia and Hampton Roads German Club. A hobby of Mr. Seawell is photography.

He makes his home in Newport News.

JAMES MONCURE BLAND, M.D.—For nearly a half-century, Dr. James Moncure Bland practiced medicine at Boykins, Virginia. "Dr. Jim" was held in universal respect by his fellow citizens, and distinguished himself in public office.

Born at Shacklefords Post Office, in King and Queen County, on April 3, 1882, he was the son of the late James Thomas and Anna (Irby) Bland. His father (1844-1915) was a native merchant and farmer of Shacklefords, and his mother was born in Hanover County. He had three sisters: Mrs. W. F. D. Williams of Cape Charles, and Miss Rosalie Bland and the late Miss Alma Bland of Shacklefords.

The Boykins physician began his education in the one-room public elementary school at Shacklefords, completing his preparatory studies at Aberdeen Academy in King and Queen County. At the age of fifteen, he entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute and was graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1902. For his professional studies, he enrolled at the Medical College of Virginia where he took his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1905. There he was a member of the Phi Chi medical fraternity.

After practicing in his home town for three years, he moved to Boykins on November 12, 1908 where he remained until his death on September 11, 1958. The citizens of Boykins were planning to honor his fifty years of service to the community with a special celebration in November. He had combined a thorough knowledge of his profession with a spirit of service to his fellowmen, to whom his training and experience have been so valuable. He was a member of the Tri-County Medical Association, the Virginia State Medical Association, and the Association of Seaboard Airline Railway Surgeons.

For twenty-seven years, Dr. Bland served on the Southampton County Board of Supervisors, and was chairman from January 1956 until his death. He was a faithful communicant of the Methodist Church, and the founder, first teacher and loyal worker of the Young Men's Bible Class. Since his death, this class has been renamed the J. M. Bland Bible Class. A member of the Ruritan Club since its organization, he was elected its first National President in 1930, and had attended every annual national convention. He was a past master of the Boykins Lodge No. 287, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Farming was his avocation, raising cotton, corn,

peanuts and livestock, and he was an avid supporter of the Boykins Baseball Club.

Twice married, Dr. Bland chose as his first wife, Miss Rosa Wilroy of Nansemond County. They were married on November 27, 1907, and she died in 1919. On January 18, 1921 he married Miss Grace Knight of Boykins, and they became the parents of one daughter, Catherine Moncure, who is now the wife of Roy Allan Lassiter, Postmaster of Boykins. This couple have three children: i. James Bland. ii. Roy Allan, Jr. iii. Kitty Lou.

WILLIAM L. CARLETON—A Newport News attorney and former member of the Virginia General Assembly, William L. Carleton has served for some years as commonwealth attorney for his city. He is a bank official and generally active in the organizational life of his community.

He is a native of Middlesex, and was born on July 24, 1903, son of John A., Sr., and Olive (Browning) Carleton. His father, also born in Middlesex, in 1881, died in 1955. Mrs. Carleton was a native of Culpeper. Born in 1882, she died in 1928. The attorney and public official attended Middlesex public schools, and graduated from high school there in 1919. He took extension courses from the College of William and Mary for two years, then entered the University of Richmond, where in the course of five years' studies, he completed his advanced academic courses and prepared himself for the legal profession.

Admitted to the bar of his state in 1928, William L. Carleton began his practice at Newport News the following year. He practiced continuously in that city until elected to the Virginia General Assembly in 1938. He served with distinction until 1940. In 1943 he was appointed commonwealth attorney for the City of Newport News, has been re-elected in each election since that time, and is now serving his fourth term. His office is in the Court House at Newport News. As a lawyer, he is a member of the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association and formerly served as its president. He is also a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Mr. Carleton is a director and trust officer of the Bank of Hampton, in Newport News, as well as serving as its attorney. A charter member of the local Lions Club, he formerly served as its president. He is also a member of Bremond Lodge No. 241, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Portsmouth Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of Sigma Nu Phi legal fraternity. Mr. Carleton attends the First Baptist Church with his family. He

serves as deacon there, and is also general superintendent of its Sunday school.

Agriculture is his avocation. He owns six hundred acres of farmland known as the Lee Hall Dairy Farm, located near Warwick, and there he has one hundred and twenty head of cattle. He is fond of the outdoors, his favorite pastimes being golf and fishing.

On November 5, 1932, at Newport News, William L. Carleton married Glenna Crawford of that city, daughter of Ray A. and Sadie (Burcher) Crawford, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Carleton have two children: 1. William Randolph, who was born on July 24, 1941. 2. John Glenn, born February 5, 1944.

CHARLES BERNARD GODWIN, JR.—One of the state's leading attorneys, Charles B. Godwin, Jr., was well known through his practice in Suffolk, his service in such public offices as commonwealth's attorney, and his leadership in the Democratic party. A native of Chuckatuck, he was born on August 24, 1897, son of Charles Bernard, Sr., and Martha (Whitney) Godwin. Completing his preparatory studies at Fork Union Military Academy, he studied law at the University of Virginia and took his degree there. As an undergraduate, he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma.

Admitted to the bar of his state in 1920, he began practice at Suffolk the following year. In 1925 he was appointed Commonwealth's Attorney for Nansemond County, and filled this office capably until his retirement in 1947. Throughout that time, he was never opposed in his candidacy. The personal traits by which the lawyer and public official will be remembered were described thus in the editorial columns of the Suffolk "News-Herald":

With his lanky figure, slow gait and ever-present pipe he was the physical personification of the country lawyer that he was. And he had all the virtues and good qualities of the country lawyer, springing from an intimate knowledge of those with whom he dealt.

His quarter of a century of reviewing the frailties of the people of Nansemond County had not left him cynical, but had rather endowed him with a mellow wisdom, deep understanding and had created a very humane man.

The defendant before the bar in Nansemond County might well find that the Commonwealth's Attorney knew just about where he lived, probably the exact house, knew his economic situation and was familiar with the circumstances which had resulted in his appearance in court.

This further characterization was contained in a resolution of the Suffolk Lions Club:

Early in his career, he demonstrated marked talent as a trial lawyer, which talent, combined with his friendly disposition, his quiet and unassuming demeanor and his unquestioned integrity, drew to him clients and matters of major importance requiring the attention of an outstanding attorney. The respect which the citizens of this area had for him as a man and the esteem in which he was held as an attorney caused him to wield a powerful and beneficent influence through-



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out Suffolk and Nansemond County and also Eastern Virginia. He was full of humor and wit, as well as being genial and of good cheer and always respectful to others, whatever their station in life. In his dealings with his fellow men he was honest and fair, exemplifying always the finest traditions of Lionism. . . . He was an entertaining companion, delightful in his conversation and warm in his hospitality.

Concerning his activities as a Democrat, it has been said of Mr. Godwin that he was "for many years the single most powerful political factor in the county." After many years of leadership in party councils, he became chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee in 1948. He was a director of the National Bank of Suffolk, was past vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, was a member and past commander of the American Legion, and took an active part as layman in the program of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Suffolk, being senior warden of its vestry in his later years.

In 1924 he married Margaret Whitfield Causey, and they became the parents of three children: Charles Bernard, 3rd, deceased; James Causey, who is the subject of an accompanying sketch; and Margaret Carrol, attending Randolph-Macon College. Mrs. Godwin survived her husband by only one month. He died on December 2, 1954. "His life," wrote a fellow townsman familiar with the man and his career, "was very full and rich in the contribution that he made to the region he loved."

JAMES CAUSEY GODWIN, one of Suffolk's younger professional leaders, is a member of a family which has contributed much to the region, in law practice, public office, civic, political and business affairs, and in military service to the country. Born at Suffolk on October 21, 1927, he is a son of Charles Bernard, Jr., and Margaret Whitfield (Causey) Godwin, and a grandson of Charles Bernard, Sr., and Martha (Whitney) Godwin. Beginning his education in his native city, he graduated from Suffolk High School in 1945, and entered the United States Navy while World War II was still in progress. He remained in the service for twelve months.

On his return to civilian life, he resumed his education, and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Randolph-Macon College in 1951. In 1954 he completed his professional courses at Washington and Lee University, and graduated there with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Admitted to the bar immediately afterwards, he began practice in Suffolk, where he has since remained. He is a member of the Suffolk-Nansemond Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar Association.

In his politics, he is a Democrat, and is already taking a vital interest in the conduct of the party's affairs. He is a member of Phi Delta Phi legal

fraternity and Phi Kappa Sigma social fraternity, the Lions Club and the Episcopal Church. Fond of the out-of-doors, his favorite sports are hunting and fishing.

On August 9, 1952, in Portsmouth, James Causey Godwin married Ellen Brooks Gibbs of that city, daughter of R. Stephens and Ruth (Parker) Gibbs. Both of her parents are living. Mr. and Mrs. Godwin have two children: 1. Ellen Brooks, born on November 2, 1953. 2. Margaret Causey, born April 22, 1955.

JONATHAN WHITEHEAD OLD, JR.—One of the important public offices in Lower Tidewater is city attorney of the city of Norfolk. Mr. Old was city attorney from 1942 to 1955 and is now legal adviser to the City Council of the city of Norfolk. He is a former assistant commonwealth's attorney for Norfolk City and served as an officer with the United States Air Service in World War I.

Born on July 30, 1887, at Edenton, North Carolina, Mr. Old comes of an old Southern family dating back to pre-Revolutionary days. His parents were Jonathan Whitehead and Claudia (Paxton) Old. His father was a business man.

After completing his public school education, he entered North Carolina State College, then North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College. He studied law in various law offices, and privately, in Virginia.

In 1911, after taking the State Bar examination, Mr. Old was admitted to the Virginia Bar. He began his practice in Norfolk in 1914, in association with the late Honorable O. L. Shackelford. This association continued until Mr. Old's enlistment in the United States Army in 1917. Sent to the Ground Officers' Training School of the Army Air Service at Kelly Field, Texas, he was graduated with the rank of first lieutenant, and in March 1919, he was honorably discharged.

He then returned to Norfolk and resumed his law practice in association with the Honorable O. L. Shackelford. He remained there until 1922, when his superior was appointed judge of Corporation Court No. 2 of the city of Norfolk. At this time Mr. Old was appointed assistant commonwealth's attorney and in that capacity he served until 1926.

During the next three years Mr. Old was engaged in the general practice of law. In 1929 he was appointed assistant city attorney of Norfolk and in 1942 was promoted to city attorney, holding this office until 1955. In 1955 he assumed the duties of legal adviser to the Norfolk City Council.

He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, Virginia State Bar Association, Norfolk and Ports-

mouth Bar Association, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and Sons of the American Revolution. He and his family worship in the Episcopal Church. His office is in the Norfolk City Hall.

Mr. Old married Flora Stuart Waller, daughter of Robert Page and Virginia Pelham (Stuart) Waller, in Norfolk on September 17, 1923. They have two children: 1. Jonathan Whitehead, III, born July 7, 1924. 2. Flora Waller, wife of Erle H. Austin, Jr., born on December 19, 1926.

OSCAR LINWOOD GILBERT—From apprentice plater to founder and president of the Royal Silver Manufacturing Company, Inc., and leadership in the business and civic life of the Lower Tidewater is the story of the life of Oscar Linwood Gilbert, one of Norfolk's outstanding citizens. It is he who first made famous the Royal Silver cutlery and then Allegheny Metal Royal stainless steel cutlery. Now, because of advancing age, somewhat inactive, Mr. Gilbert nevertheless retains the presidency of his company and a lively interest in its affairs, leaving the main burden of management to his two sons, Oscar Linwood Gilbert, Jr., vice president, and Lloyd Martin Gilbert, secretary, both of whom are also well known in the life of the community. The senior Mr. Gilbert continues his civic interests and his work as a deacon of his church, the Larchmont Baptist.

He was born in Norfolk County on February 10, 1883, the son of John Y. and Lenora (Simmons) Gilbert, both also natives of this county. Of English descent, John Y. Gilbert was a son of Timothy Gilbert, a planter who served in the Confederate Army in the War Between the States. John Y. Gilbert devoted his life to farming and died in Norfolk County. His wife was a daughter of John C., a large planter in Princess Anne County, and Rebecca Simmons. She was first the wife of Calvin D. Randolph. Some time after his death, she was married to John Y. Gilbert. She died in 1897.

Oscar Linwood Gilbert spent his early boyhood on the home farm in Norfolk County and received his education in a one-room country school nearby. At the age of fifteen, he moved to Norfolk to enter the employ of the old Bridgeport Silver Manufacturing Company. Here, for four years, he was apprenticed in the trade of plater. He remained with the firm even after it was acquired by William A. Rogers, Ltd., of Niagara Falls, New York. Eventually he became head plater and worked in this capacity until February 1907.

At that time, Mr. Gilbert started in business for himself, repairing and refinishing old silverware.

With a capital of two thousand dollars, he launched this venture and in succeeding years developed it into one of the largest industrial institutions in Norfolk, which in a very real sense must be acknowledged as his personal creation. The first location of the business was on Fayette Street, between Water and Main streets, and in the beginning his operations were confined to repairing and replating silverware. A boy who assisted him was his only employee.

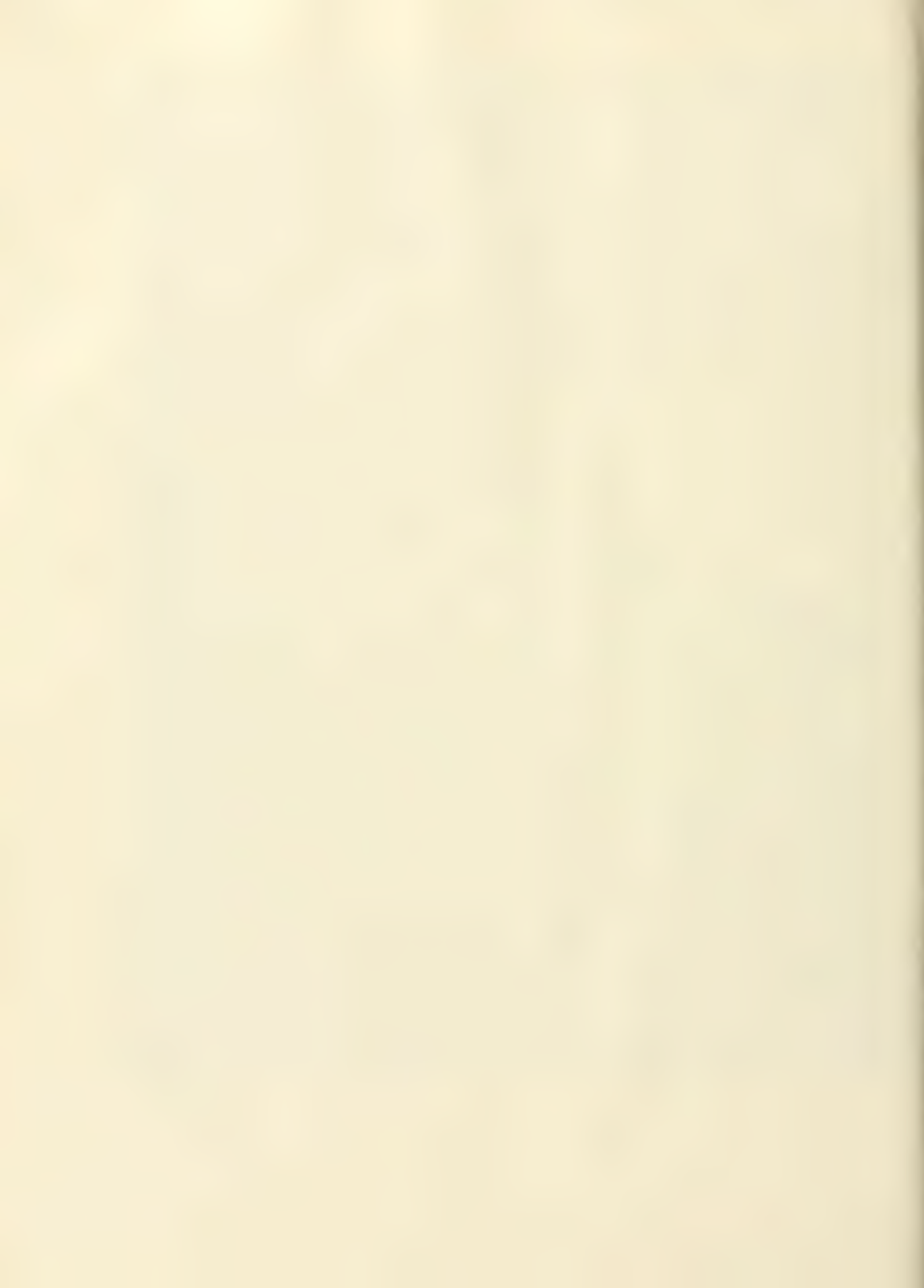
By 1909 Mr. Gilbert, who had been operating under his own name, was sufficiently encouraged by the demand for his services and products to incorporate the business under its present name. He became president. In May 1909 he moved the plant to larger quarters in the old Flatiron Building at Charlotte and Bute streets, where in addition to repairing and replating, the firm began manufacturing cutlery. Further expansion forced the company in 1912 to move to still larger quarters at Twenty-second Street and Colonial Avenue. This was a plant built in accordance with Mr. Gilbert's own design. Manufacturing production was gradually increased from seventy-five dozen pieces per day to a gross of five hundred dozen a day by 1927.

In 1914, Mr. Gilbert purchased from his former employers, William A. Rogers, Ltd., the machinery of this firm's Norfolk plant. The removal of this machinery to and installation in the Royal Silver plant enabled Mr. Gilbert to multiply his production, and the business continued to grow and prosper. Beginning in 1927, Mr. Gilbert erected a series of modern fireproof buildings at Arizona Avenue and Virginia Railroad, in the Fairmount Park section of Norfolk County. These now house the manufacturing facilities of the Royal Silver company. Covering an entire city block, these structures have a total area of fifty thousand square feet under roof. The plant at Twenty-second Street and Colonial Avenue has continued in operation, and since 1927 has specialized in restoration and replating, with emphasis on antique silver and marine chrome.

The Royal Silver Manufacturing Company, Inc., as manufacturers of table flatware, is widely known throughout the nation and is recognized as representing the finest in its trade. In 1932, after several years of experimentation, Mr. Gilbert began production of stainless steel flatware. He was among the first to manufacture successfully this now widely used type of tableware, using Allegheny metal which is non-corrosive and non-magnetic. At full production, the company employs about two hundred persons and is equipped to produce two hundred gross per day knives, forks and spoons. At present there are one hundred twenty-



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five employees with daily output of one hundred twenty-five gross per day, due to scarcity of skilled help. Annual sales average from three-quarters to more than one million dollars. Sales outlets include restaurant supply houses, department stores, wholesale jobbers, wholesale hardware firms and the firm's own sales offices. The firm has filled numerous cutlery contracts for the United States Army and the United States Navy. Mr. Gilbert's sons, who in school vacations and other periods had gained valuable experience in all departments of the business, entered the business on a full-time basis when they completed their educations and today have almost full responsibility for the management of operations.

The assumption of responsibility by the sons has enabled Mr. Gilbert to "slow up" some of his activities in connection with the business. In the fall of 1939 he suffered a heart attack and on the advice of his physicians he has since led a life of greater ease. He continues in an advisory capacity at the plant and as one of Norfolk's influential citizens serves somewhat in the same capacity to the community at large. Besides his activity as a deacon of the Larchmont Baptist Church, he is a member of Lambert's Point Lodge No. 106, Knights of Pythias; the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. For recreation he enjoys gardening.

On December 27, 1905, in Norfolk, Mr. Gilbert married Sarah Ann Martin, daughter of Jonathan and Drunette (Sharrett) Martin of Norfolk County. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in 1955, with numerous well-wishers from every walk of life attending the reception to pay them tribute. They are the parents of five children, twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The five children are: 1. Oscar Linwood, Jr., who has been associated with the Royal Silver company since boyhood and who, following his graduation from Maury High School in 1924, became a full-time associate of his father. He has been vice president and active in the management since 1939. He is past vice president of the Rotary Club of Norfolk and also belongs to Lambert's Point Lodge No. 106, Knights of Pythias, and the Larchmont Baptist Church. He, too, enjoys gardening. On July 8, 1930, in Norfolk, he married Mary Margaret Nicholls. They are the parents of four children and have two grandchildren: Margaret Ann Gilbert, wife of Thomas H. Jones, Jr., of Norfolk, and mother of Thomas H. Jones, III, and Mary Stewart Jones; Mary Luella Gilbert, wife of John B. Dorsey of Aiken, South Carolina, now residing in Atlanta, Georgia; Nancy Louise Gilbert; and Oscar Linwood Gilbert, III. 2. Dorothy Augusta, wife of Wallace L. Gardner

of Norfolk and mother of Wallace L. Gardner, Jr., and Katherine Gilbert Gardner. 3. Katherine Llewellyn, wife of Irving Lee Chapman, Jr., of Norfolk and mother of Sarah Linwood Chapman and Irving Lee Chapman, III. 4. Sarah Ann, wife of Commander Claude R. Phillips, Jr., of the United States Navy, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of Claude R. Phillips, III, and Susan Gilbert Phillips. 5. Lloyd Martin Gilbert, active in Royal Silver since early youth. A graduate of Maury High School in 1940, he studied mechanical engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He served for three years in the United States Navy in World War II and upon his release to inactive status began his full-time association with his father and brother in the company, later becoming secretary of the corporation and active in the management. He is a member of the Sertoma Club of Norfolk and the First Baptist Church. On August 5, 1950, he married Anne R. Myers of Norfolk and they are the parents of Anne Randolph Gilbert and Lloyd Martin Gilbert, Jr.

The senior Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Linwood Gilbert maintain their home at 5215 Bluestone Avenue, Norfolk.

GEORGE HINSON PARKER, JR.—With the exception of his period of wartime naval service, George H. Parker, Jr., has practiced law at Franklin since the beginning of his career. He is senior member of the firm of Parker and Clark and is currently acquitting himself well in public office as commonwealth attorney.

Born at Franklin on January 8, 1911, the lawyer is a son of George Hinson, Sr., and Hattie (Turner) Parker. His father was born in Isle of Wight County, near Smithfield, on February 4, 1886. For fifty-two years he has been a druggist in Franklin, the proprietor of the Parker Drug Company. Hattie Turner, whom he married, is deceased. Their son attended the public schools of Franklin and graduated from high school there in 1928. He then entered Duke University in North Carolina, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1932. For his law courses, Mr. Parker enrolled at the University of Virginia and in 1937 received his degree of Bachelor of Laws there.

Admitted to the bar of his state in 1938, he began practice at Franklin and has been there ever since, with the exception of his three years of naval service. Spending nearly two years of that time in the China-Burma-India theater, he held a commission as lieutenant commander. He is now senior member of the firm of Parker and Clark, engaged in a general practice. On January 1, 1952, Mr. Parker began tenure as commonwealth at-

torney, a position he has since held. He is a member of the Southampton County, Virginia State, and American bar associations.

Active in the business affairs of his city, he serves on the board of directors of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Suffolk. A Rotarian, he is past president of his club, and he has held the offices of president and secretary in the Cypress Cove Country Club which he now serves as a director. He is a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity and of Sigma Chi social fraternity. He is a Democrat and attends High Street Methodist Church, where he serves on the board of stewards.

In Southampton County, on June 28, 1930, George Hinson Parker, Jr., married Brooks Johnson of Drewryville, Virginia, daughter of Samuel P., Sr., and Blanche (Westbrook) Johnson. Both parents are deceased. Her father was a merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have two sons: 1. George Hinson, 3rd, who was born on June 21, 1942. 2. Westbrook Johnson, born November 9, 1947.

THE BANK OF WHALEYVILLE—One of the oldest banking institutions in Nansemond County, the Bank of Whaleyville was organized in 1906, with the late Frank R. Ellenor as its first president. It has had a remarkable record of service to the people of Whaleyville and the surrounding territory, both in Nansemond County and in adjacent Gates County, North Carolina, over the past fifty years.

Initially capitalized at ten thousand dollars, it opened its doors for business on March 1, 1907. Mr. Ellenor continued as chief executive of the institution from its founding until his death on May 28, 1917. He was succeeded in the presidency by Thomas Oliver Knight, who held office until he too died on February 17, 1944. Dr. Isaac W. Johnson became the third president of the Bank of Whaleyville, and served until his death on April 26, 1955. He was succeeded by William Frank Knight, son of the late Thomas Oliver Knight. William Frank Knight began his connection with the Bank of Whaleyville in 1908, in the capacity of cashier, and for a number of years served as executive vice president under Dr. Isaac W. Johnson, whom he succeeded in the presidency. Named to that office in June 1955, he served until his death on August 16, 1956. On October 1, P. Owen Parker assumed the duties of president.

The Bank of Whaleyville has now rounded out its first half-century of existence and its deposits as of October 1, 1956, totalled over one and a quarter million dollars. The institution is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Virginia Banking Association and the American Bankers Association.

Besides Mr. Parker, its officers are J. E. Edwards, cashier and director, and O'Bryan Hayes, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., W. C. Knight, and N. T. Poarch, directors. Mr. Edwards was formerly associated with the Farmers Bank of Nansemond County at Suffolk, having twenty-three years' tenure with that bank at the time he left on October 1, 1956, to become cashier and director of the Bank of Whaleyville. Mr. Hayes is a lumberman in Whaleyville. Mr. Godwin is a lawyer and farmer of Suffolk, and a member of the Virginia State Senate. Mr. Knight is a farmer and merchant of Nansemond County. Mr. Poarch is area manager of the Camp Manufacturing Company, Inc., and has long been prominent in the affairs of Nansemond County.

P. Owen Parker, president of the bank, began his career with the organization in October 1919, and has been continuously identified with it since. He was born June 27, 1898, in Hertford County, North Carolina, son of the late Percy A. and Nora E. (Darden) Parker. He is descended from families which had long been established in Nansemond County. His father was born near Whaleyville in 1869, and in the early years of his career was a railroad engineer on a line which served the lumber industry. In his later years he farmed two miles east of Whaleyville, and died there in 1939. His wife, the former Nora E. Darden, was born in 1872, and died in 1955. Both were members of the Great Fork Baptist Church near Whaleyville.

Mr. Parker received his early education in the public schools of that city and attended old Richmond College. He later took a business course at Davis Wagner Business College in Norfolk. In October 1919, he began his long tenure of service with the Bank of Whaleyville as assistant cashier. He had held the position of cashier for many years prior to his election to the presidency in October 1956. Also for a number of years, he has been a member of the bank's board of directors.

Active in civic and community affairs, Mr. Parker served on the Nansemond County board of supervisors from 1932 to 1948. He is a member and past president of the Ruritan Club of Whaleyville, and as banking executive, is a member of the Virginia Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member and past worshipful master of McAlister Lodge No. 185 at Whaleyville. A communicant of Great Fork Baptist Church, he formerly served on its board of deacons.

On June 14, 1922, at Whaleyville, P. Owen Parker married Helen Marie Hayes. She is a native of that place, and a daughter of the late Robert D. and Kate (Owens) Hayes. Mr. and Mrs. Par-



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ker are the parents of three children: 1. Betty, born on November 28, 1927. She married Allen H. Allison of Norfolk, and they are the parents of two children: Allen H., Jr., and James Parker Allison. 2. Nancy Marie, born on April 22, 1931. She became the wife of Robert J. Crocker of Suffolk, Virginia, and they now reside in Blacksburg, Virginia. They have a daughter, Karen Hayes Crocker. 3. P. Owen, Jr., born on May 6, 1940. He is a graduate of Whaleyville High School.

MILLS EDWIN GODWIN, JR.—As an attorney practicing in Suffolk and in Nansemond County since the late 1930s, Mills Edwin Godwin, Jr., has represented the interests of some of the largest corporations in the area. He is now serving as State Senator from the Fifth Senatorial District, and was formerly a member of the House of Delegates.

A native of Nansemond County, he was born on November 19, 1914, son of Mills Edwin, Sr., and Otelia (Darden) Godwin. His father was a truck farmer, who capably filled public office as a member of the Nansemond County school board, and also as a member of the county's board of supervisors.

The younger Mills Edwin Godwin attended public school in Nansemond County, then entered the College of William and Mary. For his professional studies he enrolled at the University of Virginia, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1939. He holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Elon College.

Mr. Godwin has been engaged in the practice of law, with offices at Suffolk, since 1939. He was formerly assistant commonwealth's attorney for Nansemond County, and he serves as attorney for several railroads, a number of insurance companies and two banks, which with his other connections has made him one of the most influential lawyers serving varied interests in Nansemond County of the Lower Tidewater. He is a director of the National Bank of Suffolk; vice president and director of the Bank of Whaleyville; and a member of the boards of several other corporations.

In 1948 Mills E. Godwin, Jr., began his career as a legislator, being elected to the House of Delegates of the State of Virginia. He served until 1952, when he was elected to the State Senate from the Fifth Senatorial District of Virginia, comprising the City of Suffolk and the counties of Nansemond, Isle of Wight and Southampton. Mr. Godwin has served for some time as chairman of the Nansemond County Democratic Executive Committee.

He is a member of the board of trustees of Elon College, in North Carolina. Active in Ruritan

National, he is a member and past president of the club at Chuckatuck, and past district governor; and he served as National President in 1952. He is currently serving as president of the Portsmouth Executives Club, and is a member of the Suffolk Rotary Club, and the Rotunda Club of Richmond. He is also affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Chuckatuck Lodge No. 77. He also belongs to Welcome Lodge No. 50, Knights of Pythias. He and his family attend Oakland Congregational Christian Church at Chuckatuck, in which he is active as a deacon and Sunday school teacher, and he holds positions of leadership in his denomination. He and his family make their home in Chuckatuck.

Mr. Godwin finds time in a busy career for the profitable avocation of farming. He operates a large truck farm near Chuckatuck.

In Nansemond County, on October 26, 1940, Mills Edwin Godwin, Jr., married Katherine Thomas Beale, daughter of Fenton Parker and Dilla (Bradshaw) Beale. The couple are the parents of a daughter, Becky, who was born on September 27, 1953.

GEORGE WILLIAM JOHNSON, JR.—The possessor of a progressive spirit and a keen sense of service, George William Johnson, Jr., better known in the Lower Tidewater as Johnny Johnson, has built his moving and storage business, Delcher of Norfolk Company, into one of the leading enterprises in its field in the Southeast. All this has been accomplished in an uncommonly short time, with United States Navy and United States Army contracts contributing to the growth of the company, which, though founded and solely owned by Mr. Johnson, operates as a representative of the Delcher Brothers Storage Company, Inc., of Jacksonville, Florida, founded in 1895. A veteran of World War II, Johnny Johnson gained much valuable experience in military service for the career in which he has been so successful. He is active in veterans' circles and is well known among business men in the Lower Tidewater.

Johnny Johnson was born in Marion County, South Carolina, near the town of Nichols, on October 2, 1921, the son of George William and Ann (Capel) Johnson of Roanoke, Virginia. His father, now retired, is a native of North Carolina. For many years he worked as a sales representative. The mother, also born in Marion County, South Carolina, is descended from early colonial families of that region. She is a daughter of Thomas J. Capel of Marlborough (now spelled Marlboro) County, South Carolina, and Maggie May (Johnson) Capel of the area near Nichols in that state. Maggie May (Johnson) Capel was a daughter of

Hugh R. and Margaret F. (Woodberry) Johnson, also of the area near Nichols; her father was a planter with huge holdings there. Margaret F. (Woodberry) Johnson was a daughter of General William Woodberry of Marion County, South Carolina, and Sarah (Johnson) Woodberry of Horry County, South Carolina.

General Woodberry was a noted figure in his day. Born on January 10, 1788, in Marion County, he lived there his entire life; his death took place on January 31, 1851. He filled several positions of honor. He was brigadier general of the Militia, was elected several times to the South Carolina State Legislature and was sheriff of Marion County from April 1833, to April 1837. He was a man of great wealth. The Woodberrys were among the colonial settlers of the low country of South Carolina. The progenitors of the American branch of the family were brothers, Richard and Jonah Woodberry, who on their arrival in the New World from England first settled in the Socastel section of what is now Horry County. Later they established themselves at Britton's Neck, Marion County. Eventually Richard Woodberry settled in what is now Woodberry Township, where he married Lizzie Ballone of Black River. They had two sons, Richard Woodberry, Jr., and General William Woodberry. The original Woodberrys, Richard and Jonah, had a sister, who joined them in Carolina Colony. She became the wife of General Wade Hampton of Revolutionary War fame, who is one of South Carolina's major heroes.

George William Johnson, Sr., and Ann (Capel) Johnson became the parents of two children: 1. Myril, now Mrs. Winfred S. Helms of Roanoke. 2. George William, or Johnny, Johnson, the owner of Delcher of Norfolk Company. He was educated in the public schools of Roanoke.

On December 8, 1941, the day after the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, Mr. Johnson enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and after basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force Transportation Unit of the First Marine Division. He went overseas with his unit on April 4, 1942. Overseas, he served at New Zealand in the South Pacific; Cape Gloucester, New Britain, and later Peleliu Island in the Palau Island group, and the Russell Island group in the West Pacific. In December 1944, Mr. Johnson was returned to the states and for a time was stationed at Norfolk. Later he was transferred to the Marine Barracks, Camp Elliott, near San Diego, California, where he was separated from the service on September 27, 1945.

His experience in Norfolk as a military man had convinced him that this city was the place for his

career. He returned there after his discharge from the Marine Corps and for several years was engaged in the insurance business, as representative of the People's Life Insurance Company of Washington, D. C. Meantime he kept planning his career in the moving and storage business, for which he had received considerable preparation when serving as vehicle dispatcher for the Marine Fleet Transportation Unit.

In 1949, he gave up his insurance selling job to become Norfolk branch manager for the Grey Van Lines, Inc. He held this office until 1953. From January 1953, to March 1, 1955, he was sales manager of the Virginia Beach Transfer Company. This position he resigned to organize his own firm, Delcher of Norfolk Company, in April 1955. He maintains headquarters and warehouse at 1029-47 West Forty-fifth Street, Norfolk. It was not long before Mr. Johnson's long experience, military and civilian, in moving and storage showed its effects, for the business began to grow in popularity and in volume. He began with one building which had about five thousand square feet of storage space. Since then he has added two fireproof units. His present storage space equals twelve thousand five hundred square feet. The buildings, which were erected as a single U-shaped unit, were designed to meet the needs of the modern pallet vault system in the firm's furniture storage facilities. Mr. Johnson describes the pallet vault system as basically one using large boxes designed to contain three rooms, or two thousand five hundred pounds, of furniture. This streamlined storage system, he points out, has many advantages in that it keeps individual assignments of furniture together and avoids breaking and scratching. In his short time in business Mr. Johnson has tripled his business and established his company's reputation as among the best in the moving and storage service in the Norfolk area. Through the Florida concern with which he is affiliated, he is able to render a nationwide service. About seventy percent of the business of Delcher of Norfolk Company comes from Government contracts under which service families are moved in and out of the Lower Tidewater.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Johnson is a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, Midtown Exchange Club, and Norfolk Post No. 3160, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He worships in the Ocean View Methodist Church. The history of the Johnson and related families is his hobby, while fishing and boating are his favorite sports.

Mr. Johnson married Dorothy Desmond, daughter of Leonard J. and Hattie (Deering) Desmond, of Lexington, Kentucky, at Chesterfield, South Carolina, on May 7, 1940. They are the parents



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of three children: 1. Johnny Gayle, born on July 18, 1948. 2. Jennifer Lynn, born on May 16, 1949. 3. George William, III, born on February 6, 1955.

ALONZO FORREST CATHEY—The founder of The Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., and its directing head for many years, the late Alonzo Forrest Cathey built his organization from small beginnings, with vision and courage, into one of the region's major industrial enterprises, now operated by his sons. He is honored as a true pioneer in the beverage industry.

Born August 20, 1870, at Paw Creek, Mecklenburg County, Mr. Cathey was a son of William Edward and Margaret (Allen) Cathey. He was educated in the public schools of his native county, and in the early years of his career became a successful merchant in his community. It was at about this time that Luther Snyder opened the Coca-Cola bottling plant at Charlotte, and Mr. Cathey was among his first customers. Mr. Snyder sold his product for cash, while Mr. Cathey's merchandise, of another sort, was usually sold on credit. The greater security of such a cash business appealed to the young merchant, and when he expressed interest in the prospect of entering the Coca-Cola distributing business, Mr. Snyder suggested Greensboro, North Carolina, and Roanoke, Virginia, as likely locations. Accordingly, Alonzo Cathey sold his mercantile interests, and chose Roanoke, where in 1900 he entered the bottling business. Three years later he sold his Roanoke plant and in 1903 acquired the Norfolk franchise.

The original Norfolk territory covered a fifty-mile radius around the city. The founding site of The Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., was at Brambleton and Maltby avenues. A second location for a plant was subsequently chosen at Brambleton Avenue and Chapel Street, where operations continued until the removal to Duke Street and College Place. In 1921, the present location in the seven-hundred block on Duke Street, was chosen, and this has since been the site of the Norfolk operating plant and the general offices of the company. During the lifetime of Alonzo F. Cathey, branch plants were established at Exmore, Virginia, in 1921; at Suffolk in 1923; and at Gloucester in 1925. The Portsmouth and Norfolk County territory was formerly served from Norfolk, and in 1953 the company erected the Portsmouth plant to serve that area.

Alonzo F. Cathey left behind him an enviable reputation as a husband and father, a successful business man, a useful citizen, devout Christian and loyal and ethical advocate of his product. He was a quiet, modest and courteous gentleman, and

in all his dealings gave full consideration to the moral as well as to the legal or technical aspects of a problem. He always took an interested part in every movement for community betterment. He won wide recognition for leadership in his industry, and maintained a keen interest in the National Coca-Cola Bottlers Association, of which he was president for two terms and a director for a number of years. He was a founder, president and director of the Virginia Manufacturers of Carbonated Beverages, and he also served as a director of the Virginia Bottlers Protective Association.

In his own community he was president of the Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery Corporation, and was a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and the Norfolk Rotary Club. A communicant of the Second Presbyterian Church, he served as elder for many years. He served as treasurer of the Central Young Men's Christian Association. His other memberships included the Tidewater Automobile Association, Norfolk Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Rathbone Lodge No. 56, Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Cathey was generous in his support of every organization that had for its purpose the lightening of the burden of those less fortunate than himself. He gave assistance, quietly and unobtrusively, to a number of struggling young business men who were trying to make headway in the community. His relationship to those who worked for and with him was more than that of employer and employee; it was personal, sympathetic and understanding. He enjoyed the loyal support of all his business associates, and these admirable traits constitute a heritage which has been passed on as a tradition in the business dealings of the family. He was deeply devoted to his sons, and saw that they were well trained in every aspect of the family enterprise.

On April 12, 1892, Alonzo Forrest Cathey married Annie C. Hipp, who was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and died July 13, 1942, at Norfolk. They became the parents of five sons and three daughters: 1. Lola Mary, who died in 1918. 2. Forrest F., now president of The Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc. His career is the subject of a separate sketch in this volume. 3. Lewis Henry, now vice president of the company in charge of the Suffolk plant. 4. Rob Lee, who was secretary and treasurer of the company until his untimely death on August 13, 1954. 5. Mabel Allen, who married George E. Walker, now manager of the company's Exmore plant. 6. Ralph Alonzo, now executive vice president of the company, with headquarters in the general offices in Norfolk. 7. Nellie, who married Robert Glenn Holloman, now office manager of the Norfolk operations of the company. 8. William

Edward, now vice president and manager of the company's Portsmouth plant.

The death of Mr. Cathey occurred on June 8, 1938, and marked the loss to the Tidewater region of one of its outstanding business and civic leaders, a devoted citizen, churchman and organizational worker, and a revered husband and father. A self-made man in the best sense of the term, he made his career a record of achievement which will stand as an example well beyond the span of his own years.

FORREST F. CATHEY—President of The Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., with general offices in Norfolk, Forrest F. Cathey follows in the footsteps of his father, the late Alonzo Forrest Cathey, one of the pioneers of the industry, who founded this bottling works in 1903. In close association with his brothers, he has continued the remarkable success of the organization, and expanded the firm's operations in many localities of Tidewater Virginia and eastern North Carolina.

The oldest son of Alonzo Forrest and Annie C. (Hipp) Cathey, Forrest F. Cathey was born on April 30, 1895, at Paw Creek, Mecklenburg County. He is of Scottish descent, and among his forebears were early settlers of the Paw Creek community in that North Carolina county, who had the original land grants there dating back to colonial times. Even before that, the Catheys had settled in Pennsylvania, and migrated thence to Virginia before choosing Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, as a site for the family seat. It remains so to this day, and for many years annual family reunions have been held the first Sunday of each August at Paw Creek. These draw many descendants of the original Catheys, from all parts of the country.

Forrest F. Cathey received his education in the public schools of Norfolk. He began his career early by working during summer vacations in his father's Coca-Cola bottling works in Norfolk. After leaving the classroom, he entered the family business on a full-time basis, familiarizing himself with the various plant operations under the supervision of his father.

With the entry of the United States into World War I, in 1917, Forrest F. Cathey, as a member of the Fourth Regiment, Virginia National Guard, went off to war. His unit became a component of the 29th Division, and as first sergeant of a machine-gun company, he served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, in the Alsace-Lorraine sector, and participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Mustered out on May 5, 1919, he returned to Norfolk to resume his work with The

Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc. In 1921 he took over the management of the firm's Exmore bottling and distributing plant, serving the Eastern Shore, and continued in that position until 1939.

Returning to Norfolk at that time, he assumed responsibilities as executive vice president and general manager of the company, and in 1942 was elevated to the presidency. As part of the expansion program carried on under his direction in recent years, the firm acquired the site at 20th and Monticello Avenue extending to Armistead Avenue and 21st, and in 1954 erected the present building, up-to-date and efficient in design and containing the most modern automatic equipment. On the same large site, the Norfolk bottling plant is located, with one hundred thousand square feet of floor space under its roof. The Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., also has plants in Exmore, Suffolk, Gloucester and Portsmouth, and formerly operated a plant at Newport News, which was sold to other interests. In its overall operations the company serves Norfolk, Nansemond, Isle of Wight, Northampton, Accomack, Gloucester and York counties, and parts of Southampton, Sussex and Surry counties, Virginia, and Gates County, North Carolina. The firm also owns an interest in the Coca-Cola bottling plant at Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Today, The Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., has a volume of business totalling three and one-half million cases annually, and employs four hundred and fifty people. In the operation of the business, Forrest F. Cathey is closely associated with his brothers, Ralph Alonzo Cathey, who is executive vice president and general manager with headquarters in Norfolk, and Lewis Henry Cathey, vice president in charge of the plant at Suffolk, and William Edward Cathey, who is vice president in charge of the Portsmouth Plant. Rob Lee Cathey, who died August 13, 1954, was secretary and treasurer of the company. The brothers, and their father, are subjects of separate sketches in this work. George E. Walker, a brother-in-law who married Mabel Allen Cathey, is in charge of the Exmore plant, and Robert Glenn Holloman, who married Nellie Cathey, is in charge of office management at the Norfolk plant.

Forrest F. Cathey is active in the Virginia Bottlers Association, of which he is a past president, and is also a member of the National Coca-Cola Bottlers Association. The firm holds organizational membership in the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and the United States Chamber of Commerce.

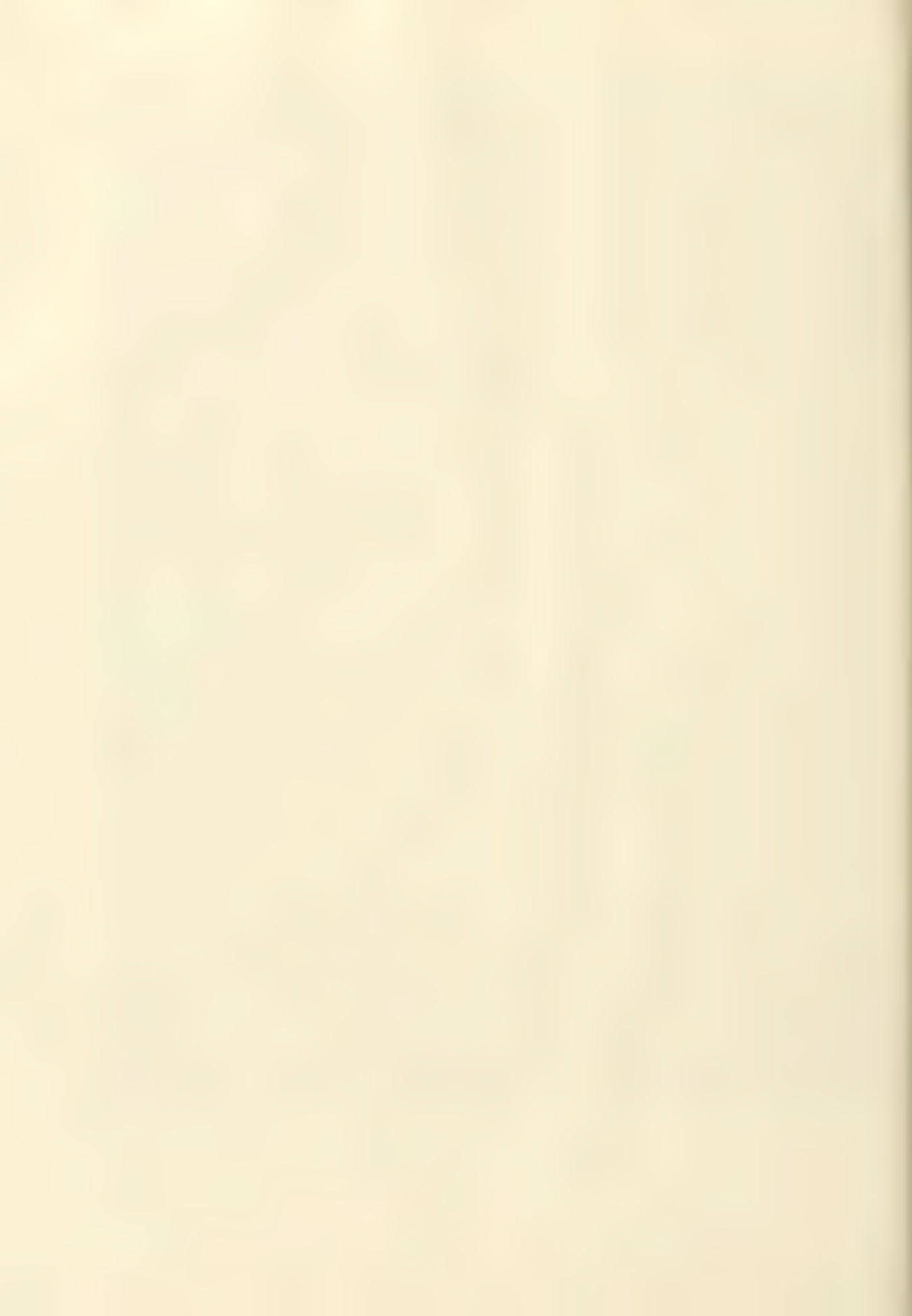
Quietly but in a very substantial way, Mr. Cathey contributes his efforts to all programs for community betterment, and he has made noteworthy contributions to the economic progress of



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the city. He is president of the board of trustees of Leigh Memorial Hospital, is a past director of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, is past chairman of the Norfolk Chapter of the American Red Cross, is past president and director of the Central Young Men's Christian Association, and past president of the Norfolk Community Chest. Among his business connections, he serves on the board of directors of the Seaboard Citizens National Bank of Norfolk. He is a member and past president of the Norfolk Lions Club, and a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Virginia Club and the Norfolk Executives Club. Affiliated with Broad Water Lodge No. 76, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he is a past master of that lodge, and belongs to the higher bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Holding the Thirty-second degree, he is also a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a communicant of the Second Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, which he serves as an elder. His hobby is woodworking, and his favorite outdoor pastime is fishing.

On December 27, 1922, at Exmore, Forrest F. Cathey married Susan Bernice Robinson of Eastern Shore, Virginia. They are the parents of a daughter, Ann Frances, who was born on October 5, 1939. She graduated from Maury High School in 1956, and is now a student at Randolph-Macon College for Women at Lynchburg. The family's residence is at 1026 Cambridge Crescent, Norfolk.

WILLIAM EDWARD CATHEY, II.—Bringing to his executive posts long experience with the beverage industry, William Edward Cathey, II, is vice president of the Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., and manager of the Portsmouth Coca-Cola Bottling Works, subsidiary of the former organization.

Born December 29, 1910, in Norfolk, he is the youngest of eight children born to the late Alonzo Forrest and Annie C. (Hipp) Cathey. His father is the subject of an accompanying sketch. Named for his paternal grandfather, William Edward Cathey, II, is a member of a family which has long been prominent in the industrial life of the region. He graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk in 1928, then entered Washington and Lee University, from which he graduated in 1933 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry. He then attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he took advanced courses in chemistry for one year.

During his vacation periods, Mr. Cathey had become acquainted with the various phases of operations of the Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., under the guidance of his father,

who had founded the corporation in 1903. In 1934 he entered the organization on a fulltime basis in charge of sales for the Portsmouth and Norfolk County territory of the firm. From 1938 to 1941, he was sales manager of the Suffolk plant operations, and with the establishment of the firm's warehouse in Portsmouth in 1941, he returned to that unit to direct operations. He has continued there to the present time.

In August 1953, the new local plant of the Portsmouth Coca-Cola Bottling Works was completed—one of the most modern in the United States. Located on Victory Boulevard and U. S. Highway 58, in the Alexander Park section of Portsmouth, it has thirty-six thousand square feet of floor space, and a capacity to produce nearly one and a half million cases of Coca-Cola annually. The Norfolk Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., operating plants in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Exmore, and Gloucester, all in Virginia, has come a long way since its founding in 1903. Further details of its history are to be found in the records of other members of the Cathey family. The company is proud of its progress since the days when it conducted its operations with a foot-power filler and crowner.

As vice president of the firm, and as manager of the Portsmouth Coca-Cola Bottling Works, William Edward Cathey, II, is carrying on the high ideals established by his father. The Portsmouth Coca-Cola Bottling Works serves the city of Portsmouth, South Norfolk and Norfolk County in its operations.

Mr. Cathey is a member of the Virginia Manufacturers of Carbonated Beverages, the National Coca-Cola Bottlers Association, the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages, and the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce. Apart from his trade connections, he is a member and second vice president of the Portsmouth Lions Club, and is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. He is now serving as an elder of the Second Presbyterian Church of Norfolk.

On March 31, 1938, at Norfolk, William Edward Cathey, II, married Mat Lee Benton of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Marion Faye. 2. Bruce Edward. 3. Sue Ellen.

WILLIAM NORMAN JONES—After more than a decade and a half of experience in automotive sales, William Norman Jones became a partner in Chorey-Jones Motors, Inc., at Suffolk, and is vice president of this Dodge and Plymouth dealership. He was born in Perquimans County, North Carolina, on August 20, 1903, son of William Thomas and Edwin (Berry) Jones. His mother was also a native of Perquimans County, but

his father had come from the Lower Tidewater region, being a native of Portsmouth. He was a mechanic by trade. Both parents are now deceased.

William N. Jones was reared in Perquimans County and received his education in its public schools. Beginning in 1924, he followed the trade of automobile mechanic, and gained a sound knowledge of the structure and operation of automobiles between that time and 1928, when he turned his attention to commercial pursuits. He entered the grocery business, but also kept in touch with the automotive industry as proprietor of a garage at Norfolk. He operated both establishments under his own name.

In 1936, Mr. Jones joined the Peebles-Simpson Motor Company, Ford dealers in South Norfolk, and remained with that organization in the capacity of sales manager through 1952. He left to purchase an interest in the Chorey Motors Company of Suffolk, and the name of this agency was at that time changed to its present form, Chorey-Jones Motors, Inc. It holds the franchise not only for the sale of Plymouth and Dodge passenger cars, but also for Dodge trucks, and has attractive modern sales and service facilities at 800-802 West Washington Street. Mr. Jones has been vice president and general manager since the present partnership was formed.

He is a Democrat in his politics, and a member of Ruritan National. He enjoys outdoor life and his favorite sports are hunting and fishing.

At Norfolk, on October 11, 1934, William Norman Jones married Elizabeth Hall of that city, daughter of Lee and Bettie (Williamson) Hall. Both of her parents are deceased. The couple are the parents of one daughter: Norma Elizabeth, who was born on March 6, 1936. She is now a student at North Carolina Women's College at Greensboro.

JOHN WILLIAM HURST—The name of Hurst is a noted one in the industrial affairs of the Lower Tidewater region. It is in particular identified with the manufacture of canvas products. Today, John William Hurst is president of the firm of J. W. Hurst and Son Awnings, Inc., of Norfolk.

Born in Norfolk on April 28, 1899, he is a son of John William, Sr., and Adelaide (Bell) Hurst. Of Scottish origin, the Hurst family of Virginia first settled in Mathews County in the colonial period, and in the early generations were fishermen and farmers. In the days of the sailing ships, one of the forebears became a sailmaker, and since that time the family has had a continued interest in that trade. The elder John W. Hurst was born on April 16, 1874, in Mathews County, and came to Norfolk early in the 1890s. There he served his

apprenticeship in the ancient craft of sailmaking, a trade he followed for the remaining years of his life and in which he earned a wide reputation. For a time, early in his career, he was a partner in the firm of Hudgins and Hurst of Norfolk, and later held an interest in the firm of T. C. Hurst and Son in the same city. Following World War I, John W. Hurst, Sr., formed a partnership with his son, John William, Jr., and this organization, known as J. W. Hurst and Son, was incorporated in 1938. The elder man continued actively in the business until his death on May 10, 1944. His wife, the former Adelaide Bell, had died on December 20, 1931.

Following the death of John W. Hurst, Sr., his son became president of the firm, and in more recent years he has been joined in turn by his son, Shirley Owens Hurst, who following his return from military service in World War II, was named secretary and treasurer of the corporation, and manager of the firm's plant at 1001 West 27th Street. Since 1924 the main plant and offices have been located at 900 Camp Avenue.

The firm's president was reared in Suffolk, and attended Patrick Henry Elementary School and Maury High School. On his graduation in 1917, he entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he continued his education for three years, majoring in mechanical engineering. During both his high school and college days, he was very active in athletics, especially football and baseball. In 1917 he played left field for the Norfolk Tars, a team in the old Virginia State League; but a short time later a promising career in baseball was cut short by a serious illness.

In 1924 he began his association with his father in the firm of J. W. Hurst and Son on a full-time basis, and after familiarizing himself with various phases of manufacture—which was becoming concentrated in the production of yacht sails, awnings and other canvas products—he took over responsibility for sales operations.

With experience going back a half-century, and with expanding modern facilities, J. W. Hurst and Son Awnings, Inc., is today not only one of the oldest business institutions in Norfolk, but also one of the largest in its industry. It manufactures "Anything made of canvas"—yacht sails, cockpit covers, tarpaulins, awnings and curtains for boats; and also "Anything for the window"—a category which includes a variety of materials made of canvas, aluminum, redwood, fiberglass. It is a producer of venetian blinds, transparent shades, draperies, blinds and upholstery. These come in a variety of styles, for commercial and industrial as well as residential use.

During World War II, J. W. Hurst and Son Awnings, Inc., was engaged chiefly in the manu-



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facture of canvas products for the United States Army, Navy and Maritime Commission. It produced many thousands of army tents, navy bunk-bottoms, tarpaulins, and a variety of less common canvas items used by the Armed Forces. In consequence of labor shortages in the Norfolk area, the firm set up manufacturing facilities at Emporia, Virginia, and during peak operations there, between the years 1942 and 1945, employed about two hundred workers on its government contracts alone, exclusive of the regular operations carried on at the Norfolk plant. Another interesting sideline of the war years was barrage-balloon repair work, on behalf of the defense program of the Eastern states. In the Korean War, the firm again turned to government work; and even its peacetime operations include a heavy schedule of production of army tents and other canvas products for the United States. The firm's long experience and the cumulative technical skills of its employees has made its work representative of the finest in the trade.

One of the aspects of its present production renews the memory of the old days when the Hursts were considered primarily skilled sailmakers. It contracted for the manufacture of the running rigging and sails to be used in the twentieth-century replicas of the seventeenth-century ships, the "Discovery," "Godspeed" and "Susan Constant," which participated in the April 26, 1957, re-enactment of the historic landing at Cape Henry. This was a part of the celebration of the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the first English settlement in the Western Hemisphere—the Jamestown Festival of 1957. Like his father before him, John W. Hurst has an exhaustive knowledge of ancient sailing vessels. He influenced the decision to purchase the required eight thousand square feet of flaxen sailcloth from Haywood and Company of Somerset, England. Few firms make this product today. The three vessels were constructed at the West Norfolk Yard of Curtis-Dunn Marine Industries, Inc.

Through his firm, Mr. Hurst is a member of the American Awning Institute, Inc., and the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and through the years has had a prominent part in keeping Norfolk and Hampton Roads a center of interest in sailing. This, incidentally, is his favorite sport, and over the years he has won a number of trophies from Bay yacht clubs. He is also fond of fishing and all outdoor sports.

At Norfolk, on December 27, 1924, John William Hurst married Harriette Lucille Owens, daughter of Alexander E. and Hattie May (Sykes) Owens of Norfolk. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Shirley Owens, who was born on

October 9, 1925. He graduated from Maury High School, and from the College of William and Mary, where he majored in business administration. Following the completion of his high-school courses, he entered the United States Navy and was assigned to the mine sweeper "Sustain," which operated in the Mediterranean and later in the Pacific. Since 1950, he has been secretary and treasurer of J. W. Hurst and Son Awnings, Inc., and manager of its operations at 1001 West 27th Street.

2. Harriette Ann. She is a graduate of Maury High School, and attended the College of William and Mary, later transferring to Mary Washington College of which she is a graduate. She is now teaching in the Stuart Elementary School in Norfolk.

GREEN-GIFFORD MOTOR CORPORATION

—Recognized as one of the most modern and successful automobile dealerships in the Norfolk area, Green-Gifford Motor Corporation was founded April 11, 1939, as a Chrysler-Plymouth sales and service agency. Located at Wards Corner, 162 East Sewells Point Road, Norfolk, the firm has as its president William T. Green and as its secretary and treasurer, Chester B. Gifford. They have held those offices since the firm was founded. Both in their early twenties at that time, and the youngest owners and operators of an automobile dealership in the region, they can now look back on eighteen years of steady progress. Their first location was at 1003-1005 Liberty Street, South Norfolk. The agency was just getting well established when this country went into defense production, and Chrysler Corporation curtailed motor car manufacture. During the ensuing period, the partners carried on with general automotive repairs and used car sales, and succeeded in laying a firm foundation for the years ahead. Following the war, facilities were expanded several times to meet requirements, but the original location was maintained until October 1, 1951, when Green-Gifford Motor Corporation moved into its new plant at Wards Corner, known as the "Times Square of the South." In the new building, erected at a cost of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, the company has continued to expand its sales and service facilities, and today has a total of over sixteen thousand square feet of floor space with complete facilities for sales and service.

Back in 1939, when it was founded, Green-Gifford Motor Corporation had five employees. By 1951 the number had increased to fifteen, and in 1956 there were seventy-four skilled sales and service personnel on the payroll. While emphasizing efficiency and carrying the latest factory-approved equipment, the agency has also built its reputation

on friendly relations and ethical dealings. From the time of its founding, Messrs. Green and Gifford have worked as a team and achieved a high degree of success through their efforts. Both rank among the community's foremost business and civic leaders.

William Thomas Green, who is known in most of his community and business relations as Bill Green, was born on February 14, 1910, in Norfolk, son of the late Henry V. and Grace (Parker) Green. His paternal grandparents were William J. and Elizabeth Ann (O'Connor) Green. The former, a native of Quebec, Canada, came to Norfolk in his youth, and was a partner in the stevedoring firm of Dillon and Green. W. T. Green's maternal grandparents were Thomas Walter and Dora (Outland) Parker, both natives of North Carolina. They came to Norfolk permanently in 1901. Thomas W. Parker was well known in lumber manufacturing. Henry V. Green, father of the automobile dealer, was a plumber by trade, and continued activity in Norfolk until his death on August 23, 1944. Grace Parker, whom he married, was born in North Carolina, and continues her residence in Norfolk. The couple had three children, of whom William T. is the oldest.

Attending public schools and graduating from Maury High School in 1929, he began his career in the sales field, and was for several years in the employ of the Colgate-Palmolive Soap Company. He worked at its advertising department in Richmond until 1934. On July 16 of that year, he joined Luhring Motor Company of Norfolk, and during his five years with that firm, had the best record in the entire sales force for four years. He remained through March 1939, and on April 11 joined Mr. Gifford in founding their automobile agency.

A civic-minded citizen, he has an excellent record in community as well as business affairs. As a member of the Hampton Roads Sales Executives Club, he was awarded the annual plaque for accomplishment and leadership in 1955. He is a member and past president of the Norfolk Sport Club, and also served, in the 1955-1956 term, as president of the Wards Corner Business and Professional Men's Association. He is a member of the board of directors of the Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America, and the boards of the Catholic Charities of Norfolk and the Ryan Club of Norfolk. He is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Automobile Dealers Association, the Virginia Automotive Trade Association, and the National Automobile Dealers Association. In his own city he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Optimist Club, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Lafayette Yacht Club, and the Sewells Point Commissioned Officers Golf Club. He is interested

in all sports, but particularly baseball. He and his family attend the Roman Catholic Church of Christ the King.

On February 15, 1941, in Norfolk, William Thomas Green married Marguerite Antoinette Gardner, daughter of George Samuel and Lillian A. (West) Gardner of that city. Mrs. Green attended Blackstone College in Virginia, and is active in civic and cultural affairs. She was president of the Optimist Mrs. Club for the 1956 term, is vice president of the Lakewood Garden Club, and is a member of the Virginia Women's Club. The couple are the parents of the following children: 1. William Thomas, Jr., born August 6, 1941. 2. Kay Antoinette, born December 3, 1944. 3. Carol Ann, born July 31, 1946. 4. Marguerite Gardner, born September 19, 1948. 5. Barbara Lee, born January 23, 1954. Their home is at 5534 Lakewood Drive, Norfolk.

Chester Brownell Gifford, co-founder and secretary and treasurer of Green-Gifford Motor Corporation, was born April 8, 1917, in Norfolk, son of the late Dr. Chester Brownell and Ione (Carney) Gifford. His father, a dentist, was a native of New York state, and received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland. He practiced at Norfolk until his death on June 28, 1943. For a time he served on the Virginia State Dental Board. Also active in community life, he was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Masonic lodge, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attended Epworth Methodist Church. The family is of English descent. Ione (Carney) Gifford was born at Churchland in Norfolk County, and her forebears had resided there from colonial times, on an original land grant predating the Revolution. Dr. and Mrs. Gifford became the parents of two children: Frances, who married A. Brooks Taylor, Jr., of Norfolk, and C. B. Gifford.

The latter, better known to friends and business associates as Buddy Gifford, attended the public schools of Norfolk and graduated from Maury High School in 1936. He then entered the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, and remained for one year, working to earn his expenses. At the age of fifteen, as a high school student, he had become familiar with salesmanship by clerking in various retail establishments, and on leaving college, secured a sales position with W. W. Lee, Florist, in Norfolk. He remained with Mr. Lee until the formation of his partnership with Mr. Green in April 1939.

He has been most generous of his time and energies in working for civic causes, in which his executive abilities have been much appreciated. He serves on the board of directors of the Norfolk

Chamber of Commerce, and the executive board of the Norfolk Chapter of the American Red Cross. A Kiwanian, he was president of the Norfolk Club in 1954. The following year he served as chairman of the Norfolk Chapter of the United Nations Association. He is a director of the Retail Merchants Association of Norfolk, a member and past president of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Automobile Dealers Association, and a member of the Virginia Automotive Trade Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association.

He has also served on the board of governors of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and is a member of the Lafayette Yacht Club. Boating is his favorite pastime, although he is fond of all outdoor sports. Attending the Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, he formerly served on its board of deacons.

On February 10, 1940, in the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, Chester Brownell Gifford married Barbara Hasler of that city, daughter of the late Robert T. and Mary (Blake) Hasler. Mr. and Mrs. Gifford reside at 5600 Huntington Place, and are the parents of two children: 1. Audrey, born February 13, 1941. 2. Nancy, born May 7, 1945.

CECIL CALVERT VAUGHAN, 3rd, president of Vaughan and Company, Franklin's oldest banking firm, was born in that city on November 7, 1893, son of General Cecil Crawley and Kate (Keith) Vaughan, and grandson of C. C. Vaughan, Sr., the bank's founder. His father was a distinguished military man as well as a banker. Born July 8, 1868, on Homestead Farm, he attended Suffolk Military Academy and Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, and later took a course in banking at Poughkeepsie, New York. He then became cashier of Vaughan and Company, and succeeded his father as its president, as detailed in the accompanying record of the bank's history. His military career dated from 1892, when he joined Company I at Franklin. By the time this country entered the Spanish-American War, he was captain of that unit. He served with the army of occupation in Cuba until the muster-out of troops in April 1899. On the reorganization of the old Virginia Regiment shortly afterwards, his old Company I was the first to be reorganized, and he again became its captain. When the Fourth Virginia Regiment was reorganized in 1900, he was made lieutenant colonel; and in 1906 succeeded Colonel Higgins as that regiment's commanding officer. On February 16, 1907, on unanimous selection by officers of the Virginia regiments, he was appointed by Governor Swanson as brigadier general of the Virginia Volunteers, with three Virginia regiments under his command. When this

country entered World War I and the Virginia Brigade was mustered into federal service, he was its commanding officer. It became a unit of the 29th Division, and General Vaughan was placed in command of the 54th Depot Brigade, later being transferred to the command of the 58th Infantry Brigade. After several months of service at Camp McClellan, he was disqualified physically, and retired from the service with the rank of major general in the Army of the United States. General Vaughan was a leader in the planning of an adequate highway system for his region. In 1907 he mapped out a road from Norfolk to Petersburg, and was later president of the Virginia Good Roads Association and vice president of the Tidewater Automobile Association. In 1921, he was unanimously elected by the Democratic district convention in Suffolk to succeed Lieutenant Governor Junius E. West in the State Senate from the Fifth District, and held his seat in the Virginia State Senate thereafter until his death in 1929. He held chairmanship of the committees on roads, finance, and the World War I Memorial. The last-named committee was responsible for erecting the carillon at Richmond. General Vaughan also served on the board of visitors of Virginia Military Institute from 1908 to 1912. His wife, the former Kate Keith, whom he married in 1883, was the daughter of Alexander Hume and Sarah Ann Penelope (Foree) Keith of Athens, Tennessee. They became the parents of four children: 1. Cora Antoinette, now Mrs. Charles Lee Smith of Raleigh, North Carolina. 2. Sarah Penelope, now Mrs. Clifford A. Cutchins, Jr., whose husband is an official of Vaughan and Company. 3. Katherine Keith. 4. Cecil Calvert, of whom further.

Mr. Vaughan received his early education in Franklin Seminary, after which he was for two years a student at Franklin Military Academy. In 1908 he enrolled at Franklin High School, where he graduated in 1911. He received his college education and additional military training at Virginia Military Institute, graduating in 1916.

In March 1917, he entered military service, being commissioned a second lieutenant in Company I, Fourth Virginia Infantry. After two months' training at Camp McClellan, he was promoted to first lieutenant. He went overseas with the 116th Infantry, 29th Division, in 1918, and took part in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. When the National Guard was reorganized after World War I, he served with Virginia Brigade headquarters as intelligence officer on General Waller's staff until September 1926. He was then transferred as aide on the staff of the commander of the 29th Division. His active military duties terminated in 1927, when he was transferred to the National Guard Reserve.

At the age of twenty-one, Mr. Vaughan became

assistant cashier of the family bank, and except for his leave of absence for military service, has devoted his career to its management. He became president in 1929.

He has earned a reputation as one of Franklin's most public-spirited citizens. From 1916 to 1952, he served as trustee of the Franklin Playground Association, and has been president and a director of the Southampton County Chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Association since 1944. For a number of years he has been a member of the executive committee of the Old Dominion Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. He has been actively interested in the 4-H Club program. Improvement of the county's agricultural resources, better living conditions on the farm, better markets for farm produce, and the improvement of dairy herds and beef cattle are of vital interest to Mr. Vaughan. He is a practical farmer himself, owning a large, modern dairy farm near Franklin. He was instrumental in organizing the Southampton County Guernsey Breeders Association, and served on its board of directors in 1945. He is also a member of the Virginia Guernsey Breeders Association. His agricultural interests can be traced to visits made as a boy to Homestead Farm, the ancestral plantation where his grandfather was born. This twelve-hundred-acre farm, located on the fork of the river near old Bethany Church, was inherited by C. C. Vaughan, 3rd, at the death of his father. There he developed a dairy farm with a large herd of Guernseys. He sold the property in 1943, but two years later began developing a three-hundred-and-fifty-acre dairy farm on Route 58, a few miles west of Franklin, where he has about one hundred and forty head of Guernseys. Milk produced there is marketed as Golden Guernsey Milk, and is sold in bulk to the Pine Grove Dairy in Portsmouth.

Since 1937, Mr. Vaughan has served as president of the Franklin Housing Corporation. For several years he has been a member of the board of directors of Raiford Memorial Hospital, and has assisted materially in the improvement of its facilities. A communicant of High Street Methodist Episcopal Church, he served on its building committee in 1954, and contributed generously to the construction of Frankfort Memorial Church House. He has been a member of the church since childhood, and serves as a steward.

In 1931, Mr. Vaughan served as chairman of the Southampton County Drought Relief Committee for handling loans to farmers. In 1941 he was co-ordinator of the Franklin Civilian Defense Council, and in 1944 was president of the Franklin Community Fund. He served as chairman of the budget committee of the Community Fund from 1953 to 1955. He is a former vice president of the

Franklin Chamber of Commerce, and a past president of the local Rotary Club.

VAUGHAN AND COMPANY—Since it was founded seventy years ago, the Franklin firm of Vaughan and Company, Bankers, has continued its record of consistent growth and usefulness to the community under the direction of members of the same family, in successive generations. Its present executive head is C. C. Vaughan, 3rd, and it was established in 1886 by C. C. Vaughan, Sr. A native of Southampton County, the founder was born on April 19, 1839, son of Thomas and Maria (Cobb) Vaughan. His birthplace was Homestead Farm, which was a part of the original colonial grant to his ancestors. He remained on the farm until he reached maturity, then entered business in Nansemond County. Shortly afterwards, war broke out between the North and South, and he joined a local volunteer company known as the Nansemond Rangers. After a few months he transferred to Company A, 13th Virginia Cavalry, a Southampton command, and served throughout the war, being in action with the Army of Northern Virginia in the states of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. After the war he returned to Southampton and for several years remained on the farm. About 1873, he located in Franklin, where he entered the mercantile business with his brother-in-law, J. P. Gay, forming the firm of Vaughan and Gay. The fire which swept Franklin's business section in 1881 destroyed the partners' store and stock, but they rebuilt, erecting three stores on the same site. Mr. Vaughan also operated a cotton gin at First Avenue and Franklin Street, and he had an interest in a peanut-cleaning plant. He continued to manage all of these businesses until 1898, when he withdrew from them to devote all his time to banking.

He had served on the board of the old Bank of Franklin, and when that institution was threatened with extinction, he took over its management and from it built the successful banking firm of Vaughan and Company. His son, Cecil Crawley Vaughan, Jr., was its first cashier and administrative officer in charge of operation. The bank was first located in the building now occupied by the Franklin Fruit and Confectionery Store. The elder C. C. Vaughan continued his career of useful service to his community. When the town was chartered as Franklin, on March 15, 1876, he had become one of its first councilmen. He continued on the council for many years, and was mayor for several terms. In 1896, he was elected supervisor for Franklin District, and served for twenty-eight years in that capacity. He was elected chairman of the County Board of Supervisors in January 1904, and held that office until his death.



Linwood J. Perkins

Before he entered the Confederate service, Cecil Calvert Vaughan had married, on January 10, 1861, Miss Antoinette Gay of Southampton, daughter of William E. and Ann Gay. To this marriage two children were born: 1. Cora Antoinette, now-Mrs. Robert Judson Camp. 2. Cecil Crawley Vaughan, who succeeded his father in the management of the bank. Antoinette (Gay) Vaughan died on August 1, 1914, and on April 21, 1915, Mr. Vaughan married, second, Mrs. J. F. Bryant, widow of Dr. J. Fenton Bryant. She was the former Miss Margaret Gunter of Halifax County, North Carolina. Mr. Vaughan's death occurred on July 27, 1924.

The bank which he had founded moved from its original location to a site across the street, in the early days of its existence; and in 1888 erected a more suitable building at its present site. C. C. Vaughan, Jr., left for service in the Spanish-American War in 1898. He was captain of the local Company I, and later advanced to the rank of general. In his absence, his father took full charge of the banking business, in which he remained active until his death in 1924.

From its original capitalization of twenty thousand dollars, the bank grew steadily until it had accumulated a surplus of eighty thousand dollars and had deposits in excess of a million dollars as of March 1922. At that time, its growth necessitated larger quarters, and extensive remodeling of the office building was carried out. At that time the bank had the distinction of having three generations of the same family represented in its management. The founder was still its president; C. C. Vaughan, Jr., was cashier; and C. C. Vaughan, 3rd, was assistant cashier. Mrs. Sarah Vaughan Cutchins, daughter of General Vaughan, was also assistant cashier. General Vaughan himself succeeded to the office of president on his father's death, and continued as cashier as well until his own death on March 27, 1929. At that time it was determined to incorporate the institution, which had already passed forty years of existence, and as the state had passed laws prohibiting the further formation of private banks, it was incorporated as a state bank. Its officers at this time were C. C. Vaughan, 3rd, president and cashier; W. T. Pace, first vice president; P. R. Camp, second vice president, R. B. Turner, assistant cashier, and Miss A. J. Eley, assistant cashier.

At the time the bank observed its fifty-second anniversary in 1938, it remodeled its banking quarters, presenting the public with the modern office which they know today. By December 30, 1944, its surplus account had increased to one hundred thousand dollars, the same amount as the capitalization, and the institution was accordingly placed on the honor roll of banks. Its statement of that date showed assets in excess of five million dollars.

By 1951, it stood 2,380th in size among the fourteen thousand banks in the United States—an advance of two hundred and twenty-six places within two years. Deposits stood at more than seven and a half million dollars on December 30, 1950. Growth has continued steadily, and by the end of 1954, deposits of \$8,303,135 were recorded.

Its officers, besides its president, C. C. Vaughan 3rd, are C. A. Cutchins, 3rd, who is great-grandson of its first president (and who also fills the office of cashier); and V. K. Daughtrey, Jr., and R. B. Turner, assistant cashiers. Directors are Mr. C. C. Vaughan (who is chairman of the board), P. R. Camp, George H. Parker, Sr., S. W. Rawls, Sr., B. J. Ray, R. B. Turner, Hugh D. Camp, W. M. Camp, and C. C. Cutchins, 3rd.

LINWOOD F. PERKINS—The Henry Walke Company is a Norfolk organization which through more than seven decades has dealt in industrial supplies, machine tools and contractors' equipment, building up an excellent reputation through its service to industry in the Lower Tidewater region. The management of this long-established firm is the major business interest of Linwood F. Perkins, who has been with the company from the early years of his career, and who became its president in 1955.

He is a native of Norfolk, and was born on May 4, 1908, son of Lemuel F. and Edna (Nelson) Perkins. His father, born in Camden County, North Carolina, was a steamfitter by trade, active in Norfolk for many years. He died July 11, 1954, in his seventy-fourth year, and is survived by Mrs. Perkins, who still lives in that city.

Passing his boyhood years in Norfolk, Linwood F. Perkins attended its public schools through the junior high school years, then left his studies to become a plumber's helper with the firm of Billups and Ellington. He first joined The Henry Walke Company in 1926 as an errand boy, and has remained with the organization throughout the three decades since. Learning the various aspects of the business, he was soon given a traveling job, representing the firm and selling its line of industrial supplies and machine tools over a considerable territory, since The Henry Walke Company distributes its products in most South-eastern states. After ample experience in the sales field, Mr. Perkins joined the management ranks of the company as secretary, and later became vice president and general manager, holding this dual position at the time he was elected to the presidency of the company on August 11, 1955.

The firm was founded in 1884 by the man whose name it bears, and was incorporated in 1899. In addition to its Norfolk headquarters, it

today maintains branch offices in Charlotte and Atlanta, and its products reach industrialists and contractors throughout Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and the eastern shore of Maryland.

In 1949 Mr. Perkins completed an advanced management course at the Graduate School of Business Administration at Harvard University. He holds a place of recognition among Southern industrialists, and is currently serving as a member of the board of governors and the advisory board of the Southern Industrial Distributors Association. He is a member and past president of this organization. Fraternally, he is affiliated with both the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the higher bodies of Masonry, being a member of Auld Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Lafayette Yacht Club and Virginia Beach Shrine Club. He is a communicant of the Christadelphian Church.

In June of 1957, Mr. Perkins accepted appointment as Norfolk's seventh member of the City Council to take the place of Ezra T. Summers who was recently deceased. He continues in this office to date, having been re-elected on June 10, 1958, for another four year term. Independent in his politics, he votes for the man or the issue regardless of party affiliation. Floriculture is Mr. Perkins' hobby, and he is fond of fishing.

On August 4, 1926, Linwood F. Perkins married Eveleen May Davis, daughter of John and Trynie A. (Prins) Davis. Her father, a native of Zuni, Virginia, was a plumber and operated a business in Norfolk. He died in 1912 at the age of thirty-two. Mrs. Davis survives him and resides in Norfolk. She is a native of Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are the parents of one son, Linwood F., Jr., who was born on April 27, 1931. He received his degree of Bachelor of Science at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg in 1952. He was at that time in the Naval Reserve Corps, and thereafter entered active service with a lieutenant's commission. He was junior communications officer aboard the carrier "Midway" and was later transferred to the "Northampton." At the time of his honorable discharge on May 8, 1956, he had been in the Naval Reserve Corps for five and one-half years. He received his degree of Master of Business Administration at the University of Virginia, June 10, 1958. Linwood F. Perkins, Jr., married Gwendolyn H. Batten of Smithfield. She graduated from the College of William and Mary at the same time as her husband, and

holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The couple are the parents of one child: Gwendolyn Anne, who was born on February 8, 1956.

THE HENRY WALKE COMPANY—Norfolk's well-known distributors of industrial supplies, machinery and machine tools, and contractors' supplies and equipment, had its beginning in the horse and wagon days. To be exact, it was in 1884 that Thomas Elliott and Henry Walke formed a partnership under the firm name of Elliott and Walke, with offices and warehouse located on Market Square, now known as Commercial Place. At that time its trade was confined to the local area, and the firm handled such supplies as rope, blacksmiths' requisites, and hardware and steamboat supplies. Norfolk's business center was then in the vicinity of Market Square, and most supply houses were located in that area. In a reasonably short time, the business had grown to such proportions that larger quarters were required, and its headquarters was moved to Roanoke Avenue and Water Street.

Thomas Elliott retired several years later, and the name was then changed to The Henry Walke Company, with Henry Walke as owner. The expansion continued, and when larger quarters were required, the company moved to the northwest corner of Water Street and Loyall's Lane, and remained there until after the death of Henry Walke in 1898.

After Mr. Walke's death, the firm was granted a charter of incorporation on April 26, 1899, with Richard Walke, brother of the founder, as its president, Robert D. Parrott, Jr., as manager, and Henry W. Seabury as secretary. The operations progressed with new lines of merchandise being added, and when larger quarters were required, the company moved to the southwest corner of the same intersection. On November 11, 1916, a fire of considerable proportions, originating on the opposite side of the street, destroyed the company's entire building. After a short stay in temporary quarters, the corporation was relocated at the southwest corner of Commercial Place and Union Street, occupying a four-story building with a basement and elevator. The basement was used for storing roof coating and other commodities not previously carried. A short period afterwards, a warehouse in Upton's Lane, just a short distance from the store, was acquired for warehousing larger quantities of rope, nails, pipe and other heavy merchandise. These too were lines which had not previously been carried due to lack of storage space. This location, in a few years' time, became too small for the increased business and the company's next move was to



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407 Union Street. There the quarters were much larger, and gave access through to Water Street, thereby providing facilities for unloading from railroad track into warehouse.

At this time, I. Walke Truxtun, nephew of Henry Walke, was elected president. He continued in office until his election as city manager of Norfolk in 1925, and was then succeeded by Robert S. Page. On October 24, 1934, Mr. Page, with his associates, Joseph Rickerts, Jr., Linwood F. Perkins, Edward L. Norman and L. R. Shepherd, purchased the entire holdings of the Truxtun family and gained control of the company.

The quarters at 407 Union Street continued to be occupied until June 1953, when larger and better office and warehouse facilities were acquired at 912 West 21st Street. This location provides ample parking space for customers and employees, with sufficient and more modern equipment for handling merchandise from a private railroad siding, and for trucks loading and unloading heavy machinery.

The Henry Walke Company has experienced steady and impressive growth since its beginning in 1884, with a horse and wagon to distribute its wares, and perhaps one "drummer" calling on local business. At the present time the company has representatives covering territories on the Peninsula of the eastern shore of Maryland and Virginia, in the states of Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia, and there is a branch office and warehouse at Charlotte, North Carolina.

On July 20, 1955, Robert S. Page, who had served the company as president for three decades, died, and on August 11, Linwood F. Perkins was elected president. Mr. Perkins has been connected with the company since May 1926, and has served in various capacities from clerk in the store and warehouse through the positions of sales representative and vice president. He remains president of the company, and its other officers are F. W. Waller, vice president and treasurer; L. R. Shepherd, vice president and secretary; W. J. Cashman, assistant vice president and manager of the Charlotte, North Carolina, branch office; P. A. Newberry, assistant vice president and sales manager; C. C. Hudgins, assistant vice president and branch manager; and E. D. Moore, assistant secretary.

AUBREY H. PERRY, Sr.—Virginia's largest Buick dealership is that operated by the Perry Buick Company in a two-block plant on Granby Street from Fourteenth to Fifteenth streets in Norfolk. Founded in 1930 by Aubrey H. Perry, who had previously had both Buick and Ford experience, the company today holds a command-

ing position in the economic life of the Lower Tidewater. Mr. Perry's position among automobile dealers and in the General Motors family is equal to that which he has won for his company among Virginia's business firms. He is also well known in recreational, social, fraternal and religious activities.

Mr. Perry was born in Norfolk on February 5, 1899, the son of Cranley H. and Mattie Grace (Hughes) Perry. Both his parents were natives of Richmond. Cranley H. Perry, long a labor leader in Norfolk, was in the plumbing business there for many years, later becoming a plumbing inspector for the City of Norfolk. He served as president of the Central Labor Council. His death occurred in 1930, when he was sixty-six years old. The mother died in 1913, at the early age of thirty-four.

The automobile dealer was educated in the public school system of Norfolk. When he left Maury High School, he began his career in the automotive field. His first work, in 1915, was with a Ford dealer, the Bell Motor Company, later with the Ford Motor Company, which had a branch in Norfolk. It was in 1917 that Mr. Perry's experience with Buick began. However, his early affiliation with this make of car ended soon after the United States became an active participant in World War I. He entered the United States Army and as a member of the Motor Transport Corps was stationed at the University of Virginia until the Armistice of 1918.

Honorably discharged, Mr. Perry returned to his work with Buick. In 1922 he organized the Perry Motor Company, which for about a year and one-half handled the now-almost-forgotten Velie automobile and the Oldsmobile. In December 1923, Mr. Perry, giving up this business, returned to the Motor Sale and Service Company, the Buick dealer with which he had previously worked, as sales manager.

In March 1930, Mr. Perry was granted a Buick franchise of his own. He organized the Perry Buick Corporation and in the course of the years has developed it into the largest organization in the Old Dominion in the Buick market, with one hundred and twenty-five employees. In 1950, the name became Perry-Buick Company, by which name it is known today. His son, Aubrey H. Perry, Jr., who joined him in the business in July 1946, is now his partner. Together the Perrys have, in the last decade, given further impetus to the growth of their Buick dealership. They have just opened a branch office at 960 Little Creek Road. Perry mechanics are trained at the General Motors Training Center at Fairfax, which is recognized as one of the best automotive mechanical schools in the United States.

The senior Mr. Perry, now chairman of the Buick Line Dealers Group of Virginia, served as president of the Norfolk Automobile Dealers Association for several years. He was active for many years on the General Motors Dealers' Council and is again serving on this Council. He is now also a director and member of the executive committee of the Norfolk Community Chest and is active in the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic fraternity and Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. His church is the Ghent Methodist of Norfolk.

Mr. Perry married Louise Maynard, daughter of Walter Nimmo and Lena (Doran) Maynard, in Norfolk in September 1918. Mrs. Perry's father, a native of Princess Anne County, operated a custom tailoring business in Norfolk which was more than one hundred years old and which had been owned by his father before him. Mrs. Perry's mother was born in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have two children. Their older child is Mary Margaret, born in Norfolk in September 1919, now the wife of Captain R. F. Barry, Jr., who is stationed at the Fifth Naval District Headquarters in Hampton Roads. Captain and Mrs. Barry have four children: i. Richard F., Jr. ii. Joan Louise. iii. Mary Margaret. iv. Carol.

Aubrey H. Perry, Jr., is Mr. and Mrs. Perry's younger child. He was born in Norfolk on May 20, 1922, and is a graduate of Belmont Abbey Junior College in North Carolina and of the University of North Carolina. Before joining the armed forces in World War II he attended the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary. After entering the United States Navy, he was sent to Cornell University for officer training and upon completion of his studies at Ithaca was commissioned an ensign. He served on various craft, principally LSTs, in the Pacific and at the time of his release to inactive status was holding the rank of lieutenant, junior grade. Altogether he was in the service for three years and eleven months.

In 1946, after his return home, Aubrey H. Perry, Jr., became associated with his father in the Perry Buick Company. To train himself thoroughly for a career in the automotive field, he enrolled at the General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan, where he spent two years studying every phase of the business, from mechanical through administrative. When he returned home, he gave his father such assistance in the management of the Perry Buick Company and its complex operations that, as of December 31, 1949, the senior Mr. Perry made him his partner in the organization. He has functioned in that capacity since that time.

The younger Mr. Perry married Eunice Simon-

son of Flint, Michigan, in 1948. They have six children: i. Aubrey Harrison, III. ii. Janine. iii. Josephine. iv. James. v. Walter. vi. Christine.

WILLIAM JOSEPH MOORE HOLLAND, JR.—The Holland family has to its credit a long record of distinguished service in funeral directing. Until his recent death, William Joseph Moore Holland, Jr., represented the family in the business at Franklin, Virginia, where the funeral home is operated as W. J. M. Holland and Sons. Mr. Holland was perhaps even better known to his fellow townspeople as their mayor.

Born at Franklin on September 2, 1902, he was a son of William Joseph Moore Holland, Sr., and his wife, the former Essie Pretlow. The elder W. J. M. Holland, who was born in Nansemond County in 1867, became a funeral director in Franklin in 1890, and remained active until his death, October 18, 1942. He had begun his career as a cabinetmaker. Essie Pretlow, whom he married, was born in Southampton County, and she is still living.

Attending the public schools of Franklin, the younger W. J. M. Holland took advanced technical courses at Coyne Electrical School in Chicago; but having determined to follow his father's profession, he studied at Renouard School of Embalming in New York City. He had his first experience with his father's organization in 1918, when he was sixteen, and when his education was completed, his full-time connection with the organization began. From the time of the elder man's death in 1942, until his own recent passing, he managed the funeral home, known as W. J. M. Holland and Sons. He served four years as district governor on the Board of Governors of the National Funeral Directors Association; and for thirteen years as secretary of the Virginia Funeral Directors Association. Affiliated in business with him were his brothers, Stanley Thomas and Joel Cook Holland, and a sister, Mrs. Maria (Holland) Matthews. The funeral home is located at Second Avenue and Franklin Street.

First becoming a member of the Franklin town council in 1946, Mr. Holland was subsequently elected, from among the membership of that body, to serve as mayor, and he held that office until the time of his death. He was a Democrat in his politics. His memberships included the Lions Club, the Woodmen of the World, and Cypress Cove Country Club. A communicant of Franklin Baptist Church, he served faithfully on its board of deacons. Mr. Holland's hobby was woodworking.

At Como, North Carolina, on June 20, 1928, William Joseph Moore Holland married Helen Jones Winborne of that place, daughter of Samuel Pretlow and Jessie Orlean (Jones) Winborne.



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Her father, a farmer, was a native of Hertford County, North Carolina, while her mother was born in Churchland, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Holland became the parents of two children: 1. William Joseph Moore, 3rd, who was born on September 2, 1930. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute. For four years, during the Korean conflict, he served in the United States Air Force and received the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. 2. Samuel Winborne, who was graduated from the University of Richmond, in 1956, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

E. ROBIE STURTEVANT—As managing director and owner of the Sturtevant Funeral Home, at 915 Court Street in Portsmouth, E. Robie Sturtevant heads one of the most modern and completely equipped establishments in Tidewater Virginia. In his professional work, he is carrying on a family tradition established by his father, the late Charles Henry Sturtevant, who owned and managed the Charles H. Sturtevant Funeral Home on Middle Street in Portsmouth for many years. E. Robie Sturtevant is recognized for his leadership in his profession over a period of many years.

Born on September 21, 1877, in Portsmouth, he is a son of Charles Henry and Sarah Jane (Wilson) Sturtevant, both of whom were descended from early families of Portsmouth and Norfolk County. Fifth of thirteen children born to his parents, E. Robie Sturtevant was educated in the public schools of Portsmouth. He began his career as an apprentice in 1894, with the old Elizabeth Iron Works on Water Street in Norfolk. After learning the trade of machinist, he followed that trade in the Norfolk area for twenty-eight years.

In 1930, Mr. Sturtevant took over operation of the Sturtevant-Pagett Funeral Home in Portsmouth, in partnership with Robert F. Pagett. In 1938 he acquired sole ownership of the business and at that time the present name, Sturtevant Funeral Home, was adopted.

This home, air-conditioned throughout, is equipped with every comfort and convenience which good taste, and the advancement of the mortuary science, can provide. It offers every facility for a complete and dignified service, and is particularly responsive to the individual needs and requests of families in bereavement. The firm employs three licensed embalmers.

A member of the Tidewater Virginia Funeral Directors Association, Mr. Sturtevant served as its president in 1951. He is a member of the Virginia Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association.

Active in civic and fraternal affairs, he served on the Portsmouth City Council for twelve years, and throughout the years since, has been active

in many civic projects for the development of the city and the Tidewater region at large. For the past thirty years he has been a member of the Portsmouth Kiwanis Club. He is a member and past worshipful master of Seaboard Lodge No. 56, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in Portsmouth; Royal Arch Chapter No. 11; and Portsmouth Commandery No. 5 of the Knights Templar. He holds the Thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite Masonry. He is likewise a member of the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

A consistent practicing Christian, Mr. Sturtevant takes a full part in the program of the Wright Memorial Methodist Church of Portsmouth. He has served as a member of its board of deacons for over fifty years, and has been secretary of the congregation for forty years. He formerly taught a men's Bible class, and is a charter member of the Men's Lunch and Bible Class.

E. Robie Sturtevant married Beulah Moore, daughter of the late Augustus W. and Mary (Thomas) Moore of Portsmouth. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Charles Augustus, born May 17, 1910. He is now assistant traffic manager of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company. He married Anne Mosely of Portsmouth, and they are the parents of two children: Carol Anne and Charles Robie Sturtevant. 2. Mary, born September 7, 1914. She married William R. Gardner of Portsmouth, and they are the parents of four children: Barbara Anne, Jean Elizabeth, Richard, and William R., Jr. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Robie Sturtevant is at 915 Court Street, Portsmouth.

EZRA TOLES SUMMERS—The late Ezra Toles Summers could list among his accomplishments successful activity in the insurance field, a career of usefulness in public life, and a record of wartime service in the Coast Guard. He was commonly regarded as one of the most promising of Norfolk political figures, was influential in the government of his city, and held the position of councilman at the end of his life.

A native of Norfolk, he was born on January 21, 1907, son of Robert Ernest Summers, who was a member of the old Common Council of Norfolk. His mother was the former Annie Grandy. The family tradition in public service dates back many generations, for an earlier Ezra Toles Summers, great-great-grandfather of his namesake, was at one time mayor of Norfolk.

The public schools of his native city provided Ezra Summers with his education and he graduated from Norfolk's Maury High School in 1923, at the age of sixteen. He began his career as a pattern-

maker's apprentice with a farm implement manufacturing firm in his home city, and his next position was with Standard Oil Company, for which he worked in the office as a mail clerk. In 1927 he joined the staff of Guaranty Title and Trust Company of Norfolk as an insurance bookkeeper.

Learning considerable about the insurance business while in this connection, Mr. Summers decided that he would seek his livelihood in that field. He was later made manager of Robert P. Beamon and Co. Inc., Insurance and Security Bonds. Joining others, he formed the agency known as Lowenberg, Summers and Borum, and in 1939 acquired his partners' interests, thus becoming sole proprietor of the firm, changing its name to its present form, Ezra T. Summers, Inc.

In June 1939, Mr. Summers was raised to the degree of Master Mason (the only Mason to be raised on foreign soil) in Bermuda. This ceremony was conducted under special dispensation of Needam S. Turnbull, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Virginia and the authority for holding this ceremony at Bermuda came from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

In 1942, Mr. Summers enlisted for wartime service in the United States Coast Guard. He was assigned as port security officer in charge of the Portsmouth Barracks, with about a thousand men under his command. On July 1, 1945, he was designated Military Morale Officer for the DCGO, 5th Naval District. He had entered the service with a commission as lieutenant, junior grade, and held the rank of lieutenant commander when he was separated from active service in 1946. He was elected commander of the Norfolk Chapter of the Coast Guard League, the first group organized in the 5th Naval District. He became interested in the fighters under his command, worked with them and later became president and matchmaker of the Empire Sports Corp. The years following were devoted to the management of his insurance agency.

An independent Democrat, Mr. Summers became candidate for a seat on the city council in 1952, stressing that he was running without obligation to any political group. At that time he already had to his credit a long record of participation in public affairs. In 1932 he had joined forces with a group which successfully campaigned to elect Colgate W. Darden, Jr., to the Second District congressional seat. Mr. Darden later became governor of the state. In 1936 he joined Norman R. Hamilton, Portsmouth newspaper publisher, managing Mr. Hamilton's successful campaign for the office of congressman. He served as his secretary for the two year term. During his tenure on the city council, which continued from 1952 until his death, Ezra Toles Summers won praise from many quarters for his

integrity and ability. "His record as a councilman," commented *The Virginian-Pilot*, "showed he was not afraid to stand alone when he thought some government move was wrong." Upon his reelection on June 12, 1956, he led the ticket. A colleague on the council, L. L. Layton, remarked on the occasion of his death: "Mr. Summers' sincere interest in the welfare of his fellow citizens, his human approach to the affairs of the city, and his friendliness in dealing with the problems and decisions of this council will be sorely missed by those of us who have been associated with him."

Mr. Summers was a member of the Izaak Walton League, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and Norfolk Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he had once held the office of Esteemed lecturing knight. He was also a member of Owens Lodge No. 164, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Norfolk Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He held membership in the Junius F. Lynch Post No. 35, The American Legion, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, and the Military Order of the World Wars. He was also a member and director of the Downtown Club of Norfolk; a director and first president of Cavalier Yacht and Country Club and a member of Norfolk Sports Club and Norfolk Association of Life Underwriters.

He was active in the work of the Park Place Baptist Church. He had served as a deacon, and was chairman of the building committee for the erection of the new house of worship. He had previously served as a member of the finance committee, and president of the Men's Bible Class. Dr. H. W. Tiffany, pastor of Park Place Baptist Church, said: "Our Church has lost a valuable member, he was chairman of the Building Commission, planning our remodeling program. Under his wise leadership we had raised more than half of the \$300,000 needed for the extensive work. He was a man of clear thought, conviction, courage and character. He was a man of devotion to Christ, to his family, and to his city."

At Ascension Episcopal Church, in Norfolk, on September 10, 1927, Ezra Toles Summers married Alice Bassett Lindsay of that city, daughter of William Earl and Eva (Wharton) Lindsay. Her father was in the towing and transportation business on the waterways of the area. Mr. and Mrs. Summers became the parents of one son, Robert Ernest, who was born in Norfolk on June 9, 1930. He attended Stuart Elementary School and Granby High School, graduated in 1948, and went on to Washington and Lee College, where he was a student for one year. At the end of that time



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he transferred to Elon College, where he graduated in 1952 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Robert E. Summers married Elizabeth Clements of Petersburg. They have one son, Robert Ernest, Jr., born June 1, 1957.

Norfolk lost a dynamic and universally respected leader when Ezra T. Summers died in that city on June 11, 1957. Resolutions were sent the family, from the City Council, Cosmopolitan Club, American Legion, Downtown Club of Norfolk, and A. C. Richmond, Vice Admiral U. S. Coast Guard Commander. Mr. Summers was selected as one of Norfolk's Ten Best Dressed Businessmen September 1950.

On Saturday, June 15, 1957, W. N. Cox in the "Virginia Pilot," in the column Things to Remember paid tribute to Mr. Summers as follows, under the title "At Review's End":

The historic week comes to a close today and some of us who knew him will remember the climactic street parade in the downtown area as the Ezra Summers Memorial. City Councilman Summers worked hard to get the International Navy off the water and down on the ground for the rank and file to witness at least some of the dazzling pomp and circumstance.

LEWIS ARCHER McMURRAN, JR.—Engaged in the real estate, property development and investments business at Newport News from the early years of his career, Lewis Archer McMurrin, Jr., has served since the late 1940s as a member of Virginia House of Delegates. He was a naval officer during World War II.

A native of Newport News, he was born on April 11, 1914, son of Lewis Archer and Agnes Barclay (Epes) McMurrin. His father, born at Portsmouth on March 12, 1880, was a lawyer, practicing at Newport News, where he died on January 12, 1930. His wife, the former Agnes Barclay Epes, was born in Franklin County, Kentucky, on April 6, 1888. She died November 30, 1949. Reared in Newport News, Lewis A. McMurrin, Jr., attended its public schools and graduated from high school there. He then attended Washington and Lee University.

He began his career in the real estate field, and has played a prominent part in the development of properties in his own right, as well as arranging transfers and rentals. He also deals in investments, as head of his own agency, which has its office at 5912 Huntington Avenue. He is an official of the Bank of Warwick, a director and currently secretary.

Mr. McMurrin was absent from his home city during the World War II period, serving for four years in the United States Navy and advancing to the rank of lieutenant commander. He was a member of the Joint Operations Re-

view Board in Washington, D. C., during a part of that time.

In 1948 he was elected to the House of Delegates on the Democratic ticket, to represent the people of Warwick and Newport News. He has been consistently active in the councils of his party, being formerly chairman of the City Democratic Committee at Newport News, and past president of the Young Democratic Clubs of Virginia.

Mr. McMurrin is vice chairman of the Peninsula Industrial Committee, and secretary-treasurer and member of the board of the Citizens Rapid Transit Company. He is a director of the Peninsula Association of Commerce, and served as the chairman of the Virginia Three Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary Commission, responsible for directing the Jamestown Festival of 1957. He is a member of the James River Country Club and the Commonwealth Club in Richmond. Attending the Presbyterian Church in his home city, he serves as a deacon.

At the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, on January 17, 1953, Lewis Archer McMurrin, Jr., married Edith Margaret Lea, of Prince Edward Island, Canada. She is the daughter of the late Premier of that province, the Hon. Walter Maxfield Lea, and his wife, the former Maude Rogerson. The couple are the parents of two children: 1. Lewis Archer, III, who was born on December 1, 1953. 2. Edit. Lea, born March 17, 1955.

BENJAMIN JOHNSON WILLIS, SR.—The story of Willis Wayside, of suburban Norfolk, is in large measure the career record of Benjamin J. Willis, Sr., and his brothers, Grayson K. and John 3rd. B. J. Willis has been active in furniture retailing, and much of that period has been spent with Willis Furniture Company, Inc., operating company of Willis Wayside. His personal influence has been great in assuring the success of this venture.

The name of Willis has been identified with the retail furniture field since 1884, when John Willis, Jr., father of Benjamin J. Willis, Sr., acquired the Benjamin Johnson Furniture Store on Church Street, opposite old St. Paul's Episcopal Church. John Willis came from the Eastern Shore of Virginia in 1890, and began his career in Mr. Johnson's store. He worked as a clerk, saved his money, and was able to purchase the elder man's interest at his death. The firm name was later changed to John Willis, Jr., and for some years it continued operations at the same site. Later Mr. Willis formed a partnership with William F. Smith of Portsmouth and W. F. Crall of Norfolk, who had been engaged in furniture retailing in

those cities. With the consolidation of interests, the firm opened two stores in Norfolk, one in Portsmouth and one in Hampton, with home offices at Main and Church streets in Norfolk. In 1908, Mr. Crall withdrew from the partnership to become a pioneer in motion-picture theater operation in the same city; and in 1920 Mr. Smith too left the furniture firm. John Willis, Jr., continued as directing head until the company was dissolved in 1929.

In 1930 the present Willis Furniture Company, Inc., was formed, with John Willis, Jr., as president. His three sons became members of the new organization. Benjamin J. Willis was its secretary; John Willis, 3rd was vice president; and Grayson Willis was treasurer. Although the founder continued as president until his death in June 1955, he was not active in its management except in an advisory capacity to his sons, who grew up in the business under his guidance. When it began operations in 1930, the Willis Furniture Company was located on Granby Street opposite the Flatiron Building. In 1934, expanding operations dictated removal to a new location at the corner of Main and Granby. Over the next twenty years, until December 31, 1954, this site continued to be occupied. Early in 1950 the Willis Realty Corporation purchased twenty acres of land on Virginia Beach Boulevard at Thalia. There were two buildings located on the property that had been used as a tubercular hospital. The main building was converted to use as a retail furniture store and contained about sixty-five hundred square feet of floor space. The present building contains about thirty-five thousand square feet. In September 1950, Willis Wayside, on Virginia Beach Boulevard at Thalia, was opened. With ample floor space for display, as well as for a large stock of furniture to appeal to a wide range of tastes, and with the most modern, attractive and efficient planning, the store has already established itself as a model for the retail furniture trade. The company sells quality furniture in the medium to higher price ranges. It attracts customers from parts of the state well beyond the Lower Tidewater area, and many buyers from eastern North Carolina.

Recognized as an outstanding leader in his industry, Ben J. Willis, Sr., has appeared on the speaker's platform at many national gatherings in the merchandising field. He has been honored on many occasions for his contributions to the advancement of the trade, and for his civic work as well. A native of Norfolk, he was born on August 19, 1894, second of the children born to John Willis, Jr., and Pearl (Johnson) Willis. Mrs. Willis, who was a daughter of Benjamin A. and Hannah Johnson, died in July 1955. They were the parents of seven children: 1. Rose Johnson Willis, who is

unmarried and resides in Norfolk. 2. Benjamin Johnson, Sr. 3. John Willis, 3rd, who is president of Willis Furniture Company. 4. Gladys, who died in 1923. She was the wife of Dr. Robert Henderson, a medical officer in the United States Navy. 5. Grayson K., now vice president of Willis Furniture Company. 6. Frances, who married Colonel Eldridge Walker. He holds an administrative post at Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pennsylvania. 7. Mary Catherine, who married Stuart H. Russ, who is associated with Willis Wayside.

Ben J. Willis attended the public schools of Norfolk and Norfolk Business College. His entire business career has been in retail furniture merchandising. As outlined above, he joined his father and brothers in the Willis Furniture Company, serving as its secretary.

Mr. Willis' records of service and achievement both in the furniture industry and in community affairs are many. He received nationwide recognition when he was selected as one of eleven leaders in merchandising to receive the designation of All-American Merchant of 1952, on the basis of their contributions to the furniture industry. In 1954 he received the Furniture South Award of Merit, and in the same year was named by the members of the Southern Retail Furniture Association as the outstanding retail furniture merchant of Virginia. The Willis family are sponsors of a prize, the John Willis, Jr., Award of Merit, an annual award which goes to a retail furniture merchant in Virginia or North or South Carolina for outstanding contributions to his community and to the advancement of furniture merchandising. B. J. Willis has held a number of official positions in organizations drawing their membership from his industry. At the present time he is serving on the board of directors of the National Retail Furniture Association. In 1955 he was elected president of the Southern Furniture Association, and was re-elected to succeed himself in the presidency in 1956. He is the first man in the long history of the organization to be elected to a second consecutive term. In 1928 and again in 1935 he was elected president of the Retail Merchants Association of Norfolk; and as a member of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, he serves on its board of directors. He also holds membership in the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Willis devotes a great deal of time to the activities of civic and charitable organizations. He serves on the board of directors of Leigh Memorial Hospital, is a member of the school board of his city, and is a director of the Boys' Club of Norfolk. Among his business connections, he is a member of the board of directors of the Southern Bank of Norfolk. He is a Rotarian, a member of



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the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the Princess Anne Country Club and the Virginia Club. Affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he is a member of Atlantic Lodge No. 2, and Norview Lodge No. 62, both Blue Lodges; Norfolk Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar; and Khe-dive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Lodge No. 38, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Norfolk Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. During World War II, Mr. Willis was a member of the First Interceptor Command and participated in fund-raising campaigns to help finance the war effort.

An active member of Ghent Methodist Church, he serves on its board of stewards. He takes an especial interest in fine saddle horses and show horses, and is a member of the Tidewater Horse and Pony Association.

On April 14, 1917, in Norfolk, Benjamin Johnson Willis, Sr., married Miss Alice Robertson, daughter of the late Caswell Howard and Alice Leola (Cheatham) Robertson of that city. Her father was a livestock dealer. Mr. and Mrs. Willis are the parents of two children: 1. Alice Johnson, who was born on October 28, 1918. She married James Blaine Denny, Jr., a building contractor of Norfolk, and they are the parents of three children: i. James Blaine, 3rd. ii. Susan Willis. iii. Alice Bruce. 2. Benjamin Johnson, Jr., born on June 3, 1920. He is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College. During World War II he served in the United States Navy, first as an ensign and later with the rank of lieutenant commander, and he is now treasurer of the Willis Furniture Company, Inc., operating Willis Wayside. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Norfolk; is a member of the board of directors of the Norfolk Retail Merchants Association; is active in the Tidewater Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and serves on the board of stewards of Ghent Methodist Church. He is a member of Princess Anne Country Club.

The elder Benjamin J. Willis makes his home at 5303 Rofle Avenue, Norfolk.

WILLIAM MILTON HUTCHENS—One of the major automotive dealers of the Lower Tidewater area, who is distributor for the biggest seller among General Motors products, William Milton Hutchens is president of the Cofer Motor Company.

He was born on May 13, 1909, at Newport News, son of Walter K. and Mary Hutchens. His father, a native of Virginia, served the federal government as an employee in the Internal Revenue Service for many years. He is now deceased as is his wife, also a native of Virginia.

Attending the public schools of Newport News,

William M. Hutchens began his career working for his brother, Charles K. Hutchens, in Newport News. They operated a Chevrolet dealership there under the name of the Newport News Automobile Exchange. In the course of the decade he spent with this organization, William M. Hutchens became familiar with all aspects of sales and service agency operation.

In 1940 he came to Smithfield to assume management of the Cofer Motor Company, and has been the president of this Chevrolet dealership to date. Offices, showrooms and service facilities are located at 207 Main Street. Besides his own agency, Mr. Hutchens is an official of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Smithfield, serving on its board of directors. He is also a director, and currently vice president, of the Virginia Chevrolet Dealers Association.

Mr. Hutchens was absent from his customary business activities, serving in the United States Army in World War II. Assigned to the 147th Engineer Combat Battalion, he served as a staff sergeant overseas, and was in the European Theater for a year and a half. He received his honorable discharge on November 11, 1945, after a total of two and one-half years in service.

Active in the American Legion, Mr. Hutchens is a member of Post No. 49, and he also holds membership in the German Club of Smithfield and in the Rotary Club. He is a communicant of Trinity Methodist Church. Fond of the outdoors, he is particularly partial to boating and fishing.

At Newport News, on October 4, 1943, William Milton Hutchens married Virginia Lee Stockley, of Keller, Virginia, daughter of Nathaniel H. Stockley. The couple have one son, William M., Jr., born in Newport News on November 5, 1950.

EDWARD M. HARGRAVE—A native of Jackson Township, Northampton County, North Carolina, Edward M. Hargrave was born on October 6, 1891, son of John Fletcher and Sarah Wood Hargrave of that County. His father, a farmer, died in 1899. Mr. Hargrave was then eight years old. Shortly thereafter he was placed in the Oxford Orphanage, at Oxford, North Carolina, where he remained until he went to live with his uncle, Dr. George B. Wood, a physician practicing in Emporia, Virginia. Reared in that city, Mr. Hargrave received his education in the Emporia High School, finishing in 1906, after which he began his business career.

After leaving Emporia, his first position was with the Home Telephone Company of Henderson, North Carolina. Later he was employed by the Roanoke Power Company, at Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, in the Construction Department.

In 1909 Mr. Hargrave came to Portsmouth, where he secured a position in the office of the Car Accountant of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company and, while in that office, took evening courses in stenography, bookkeeping, and accounting. After completing the course in stenography, he secured a position in the office of the Superintendent of Motive Power. His last position with the Seaboard was that of Chief Clerk to the Electrical Engineer. After leaving the railroad he was employed by the Portsmouth Cotton Oil Refining Corporation as private secretary to the General Manager. Upon the completion of his course in accounting, he was offered, and accepted, a position with the Two State Package Corporation of Portsmouth, Virginia, as General Auditor, a position he held until shortly after the end of World War I.

Mr. Hargrave, now a Registered Public Accountant, with offices in the New Kirn Building, Portsmouth, Virginia, formed his own accounting business in 1919 and during the intervening years has built up an enviable practice in the lower Tidewater area, and his efficient service in accounting and tax matters has won him recognition throughout Virginia and neighboring states.

Mr. Hargrave holds a Treasury Card which entitles him to practice before the United States Treasury Department and the United States Tax Court. He is a member of the National Association of Cost Accountants and an associate member of Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Society of Public Accountants. He has consistently striven to improve the quality of his work and to elevate the standards of his profession.

In his city, Mr. Hargrave is a member of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated with a number of Masonic bodies, namely: America Lodge No. 330, Portsmouth Midday Lodge No. 132, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Portsmouth Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (a Thirty-second degree Mason); Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Portsmouth Shrine Club. Mr. Hargrave is also a member of Portsmouth, Virginia, Lodge No. 82, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Hargrave married Miss Edna Snapp, daughter of the late Professor C. E. Snapp and Annie Harper Snapp. They live at 5 Court Street, Portsmouth, Virginia, and are members of Monumental Methodist Church of that city.

WAVERLEY LEE BERKLEY, JR.—As president and treasurer of the Security Insurance Agency, Inc., Waverley Lee Berkley, Jr., headed a general insurance and real estate business which has

its offices at 222 West Berkley Avenue, Norfolk.

Born February 20, 1895, at Berkley in Norfolk County (then an independent community but now a part of Norfolk), he was a son of Waverley Lee, Sr., and Judith Elizabeth (Ferebee) Berkley. He was of English lineage, which in the paternal line is traced to John Berkley, who came to the colony of Virginia late in the seventeenth century and settled in Fairfax County. There his descendants became substantial planters, which they remained throughout the antebellum period. The line of descent from John Berkley comes down through William (1), William (2), Benjamin, John Walker, Lycurgus, and Waverley Lee Berkley, Sr. The Ferebee line is also of English origin, and they were among the early colonial families of Norfolk. John Ferebee, land surveyor, laid out Norfolk Town in 1680, and from him, the insurance executive descended through Thomas, William, Thomas Cooper (1), Thomas Cooper (2), and Judith Elizabeth (Ferebee) Berkley. Lycurgus Berkley, for whom the town of Berkley was named, was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, in 1827, and came to Norfolk in 1847. For a number of years he was a partner in the wholesale dry goods firm of Berkley, Miller and Company. Following his marriage to Eliza Middleton, only child of Captain John S. Middleton, a seafaring man of Ferry Point, he moved his residence to that place. There he acquired considerable land, laid out streets and town lots, and became the outstanding leader in the town's development. He gave sites for the building of churches of four denominations, and also made generous financial contributions to their establishment. When the town was incorporated in 1870, it was named Berkley in his honor, and in 1906 became a part of the city of Norfolk. He died in 1881 and his wife in 1904. Their son, Waverley Lee Berkley, Sr., was born August 18, 1861, at Ferry Point, Norfolk County. A man of unusual abilities, he was a business leader in Berkley for many years. In his early career he was a retail dry goods merchant, and later headed the retail furniture firm of W. L. Berkley and Company. He retired several years before his death on February 6, 1922. He had served as vice president of the Merchants and Planters Bank, and as president of the Berkley Permanent Building and Loan Association, which in recent years became the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Norfolk. He was past worshipful master of Doric Lodge No. 44, and a member of Ionic Chapter No. 46, Royal Arch Masons, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Norfolk. He at one time served as District Deputy Grand Master. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Church,



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but following his marriage became a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Berkley, where he served as senior warden. Judith Elizabeth Ferebee, whom he married, was the daughter of Thomas Cooper Ferebee of Currituck County, North Carolina, who married Elizabeth Wallace of Norfolk County, Virginia. She was born April 26, 1895, and following her death July 19, 1939, was buried beside her husband in Magnolia Cemetery, Norfolk. Waverley Lee, Sr., and Judith Elizabeth (Ferebee) Berkley became the parents of five children: 1. Percy Cooper, born in 1887; died in 1929. 2. Judith Ferebee, who married Richard C. Owen, who is with Foote Brothers and Company of Norfolk. 3. Helen Middleton, who married David Armistead Dashiell, a retired business man of Norfolk. 4. Waverley Lee, Jr. 5. Fairfax M., assistant principal of Blair Junior High School of Norfolk.

Waverley Lee Berkley, Jr., was educated in private and public schools, and graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk. He was briefly associated with his father in business, and in 1914 entered the Merchants and Planters Bank in Berkley as a runner. Later assigned to the bookkeeping department, he continued there until his enlistment in the United States Navy for World War I service. From December 1917, until March 1919, he served in the grade of chief yeoman.

In 1919 he began his career in the insurance business as a partner of John W. Nash. They established the general insurance and real estate firm of Nash and Berkley, with offices at Berkley. In 1926, this agency merged with that of Samuel W. Lyons, Jr., in forming the present Security Insurance Agency, Inc., of Berkley. Mr. Lyons became its president, and Mr. Berkley secretary and treasurer. At Mr. Lyons' death in 1955, he was succeeded in the presidency by Mr. Berkley, who also continued as treasurer. The other executive officers included J. R. Sears, vice president, and Miss E. V. Grimes, secretary. The firm writes all types of insurance policies except life, and serves clients in Norfolk, South Norfolk, Portsmouth, and throughout Norfolk and Princess Anne counties. It represents Allied Lines, in fire, auto and casualty insurance and surety bonds. The firm also engages in the real estate business.

Besides heading this firm Mr. Berkley was vice president and a director of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Norfolk. He was a member of the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents; Doric Lodge No. 44, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club; the Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville; and the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) in Norfolk. He was fond of competitive outdoor sports, especially baseball and football.

In St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in the Berkley section of Norfolk, on January 14, 1925, Waverley Lee Berkley, Jr. married Clara E. McCoy, daughter of the late Henry F. and Evelyn (Colonna) McCoy of Norfolk. Mr. McCoy died in 1910, and his widow married, second, Oscar F. Smith, Jr., president of the Norfolk Dredging Company. Mr. and Mrs. Berkley became the parents of three children: 1. Evelyn Colonna, born November 28, 1925. She attended the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, Virginia, and is married to Robert Drew Harrison of Philadelphia, who is vice president of John Wanamaker, Inc., in that city. They are the parents of two daughters; Nancy Berkley Harrison, born October 16, 1952, and Evelyn Lee Harrison, born November 14, 1957. 2. Waverley Lee, III, born June 6, 1930. He received both his Bachelor of Arts (1952) and his Bachelor of Laws (1955) degrees from the University of Virginia. Having served for three years in the United States Marine Corps, he is now associated with the law firm of Jett, Sykes and Coupland in Norfolk. 3. John McCoy, born October 29, 1932. Following three years' service in the United States Marine Corps, he entered the University of Virginia, where he majored in business administration. He is vice president of the Security Insurance Agency, Inc., his father's old firm.

Waverley Lee Berkley, Jr., passed away on August 10, 1958.

FRED A. HAYCOX—Specializing in the field of concrete construction and asphalt paving, Fred A. Haycox of Norfolk and Virginia Beach has built up his own successful organization, which has its headquarters on Virginia Beach Boulevard, halfway between the two communities. He has had over thirty years' experience in the business, has won recognition and confidence through the completion of a number of important contracts, and has proved himself as capable in business management as in the techniques of construction. His leadership has been in evidence in a number of community connections.

A native of the Tidewater area, he was born on April 5, 1898, son of Edward James and Millie May (Addenbrook) Haycox. A resident of Norfolk and Virginia Beach for over fifty years, he attended the old Seventh Ward Grammar School on Park Place in Norfolk and completed his secondary studies at Maury High School.

From his boyhood years, Mr. Haycox has been familiar with the construction industry, in which he first worked in association with members of his family. In the early 1920s he entered business in his own name and in 1924 built the first concrete road to Cape Henry. Also in the 1920s, he in-

stalled concrete streets in Virginia Beach and the north end of Virginia Beach, the seawall, and the broadwalk. In 1929-1930 he constructed the first reinforced concrete bridge in Norfolk, known as the Larchmont or Colley Avenue Bridge.

Mr. Haycox accomplished the original work for the Norfolk Ford Assembly Plant, following which he did the work for the Philadelphia Ford Branch at Chester, Pennsylvania. He has constructed numerous projects for private enterprises and for the United States Government Army and Navy installations, over a period of many years. The present firm of Fred A. Haycox Company, Inc., Concrete, was founded in 1923, and he has been its president since that time.

Respected throughout the industry, in which he is one of the veteran contractors of the Tidewater area, Mr. Haycox is currently serving as chairman of the Virginia State Registration Board for Contractors. A member of the Coastal Turnpike Authority, responsible for the construction of Ocean Highway, he has served as its vice chairman. Among his business connections, he is a member of the board of directors and one of the original organizers of the Bank of Virginia Beach and is president of the Beach Publishing Corporation, publishers of the Virginia Beach Sun-News.

Mr. Haycox has been vitally interested in community affairs and serves on the board of United Communities Fund. He is also a member of the Tidewater Virginia Development Council. For the past fifteen years he has been a member of the Rotary Club of Virginia Beach, and he is a charter member of the Cosmopolitan Club. His other memberships include Lodge No. 266 of the Knights of Pythias and the Blue Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the higher bodies of the Masonic order, and of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Norfolk. Mr. Haycox is also a member of the Virginia Club and the Princess Anne Country Club and the Methodist Church.

On January 4, 1921, Fred A. Haycox married Grace Cromwell, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Fred A., Jr., who was born on May 1, 1924. He attended Augusta Military Academy and served in the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, in World War II. He is now the president of Asphalt Roads and Materials Company, Inc. 2. William C., born on August 24, 1925. He attended the University of Virginia and was in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. At the present time, William C. Haycox is secretary of Asphalt Roads and Materials Company.

CHARLES KUNKLE HUTCHENS—Thirty-seven years ago, Charles Kunkle Hutchens founded

the Newport News Automobile Exchange. The management of this Chevrolet agency has since been his major business interest, and he has also been for some time a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, in which he has served for ten terms.

He was born on January 22, 1896, at Radford, Virginia, son of Walter Kunkle and Mary Hutchens. His father, a native of Virginia, was active in the shipbuilding industry, working for some years in the Newport News Shipyard. He also held public office, serving as city councilman, and as deputy collector of Internal Revenue under President Woodrow Wilson. Both he and his wife are deceased. Their son Charles K. Hutchens gained his first business experience early in life, selling newspapers at the gate of the Newport News Shipyard at the age of nine years. During the years that followed, while obtaining his more formal education in the public elementary and high schools of Newport News, he worked at various jobs, including clerking at a soda fountain and selling candy in local theaters. After completing his high school studies, he worked for a year with the J. P. Gayle Supply Company. He began his experience in the automobile sales field in 1917 when he took a position as salesman with the Messick Motor Company, Newport News' agency for the old Studebaker.

Mr. Hutchens left that firm in 1921 to open a used-car exchange, forming a partnership with John H. Watkins. This was the first exclusively used-car dealership in the city. At that time there was little opportunity to obtain a franchise for the sale of any of the popular makes of new cars; and in view of the high mortality rate among this rather long list of automobiles in the decade or so which followed, it was probably to Mr. Hutchens' advantage to be gaining his experience in used-car sales. He foresaw the continued growth of the city to the north; and he and Mr. Watkins selected a location at 3400 Huntington Avenue as the site of their business. The firm which began its existence there on September 13, 1921, was named the Newport News Automobile Exchange, and the partners began operations with one employee. Their policy of fair dealing and merchandising leadership won public approval and a considerable and increasing volume of trade. It was not long before they made their way into the new-car sales field, and they selected a product with large popular demand and staying power in the market—Chevrolet cars and trucks. The new line required extensive alterations at the plant, which were completed in time for the showing of the 1923 models. The following year, adjacent property at the present address was purchased to offer facilities for sales and service. In 1928, a two-story fireproof building was added at the rear of the main building, increasing the available floor



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space to twenty thousand square feet. As business continued to expand, additional lots were purchased on Thirty-fourth Street, and in 1931 a service station was erected on the north side of the lots. In June of that year, Mr. Watkins died, and Mr. Hutchens became sole proprietor of the company. Lots continued to be added at the original location, comprising holdings with a frontage of one hundred feet on Huntington Avenue, and extending back one hundred and twenty-five feet on Thirty-fifth Street, and much of this space was used as an open lot for used cars. In 1940 property adjacent to the premises on Thirty-fourth Street was cleared of all buildings and a new service shop was added, together with the most modern shop equipment and facilities available. A new service station was erected at Huntington and Thirty-fifth. From 1942 to 1945, with the curtailment of new-car sales, Mr. Hutchens, as a public service, permitted the use of his showroom by the War Price and Rationing Board. A renovation program was undertaken on the properties preceding the pickup in normal business following the war. Also during the war years, the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation was allowed to use the large car lot of the company for its purposes. Over the first twenty-five years of its existence the company sold a total of eight thousand new Chevrolet cars and trucks, and fourteen thousand five hundred used cars and trucks, and the sales volume has of course mounted steadily in the decade since the above figures were announced. It was even then the oldest automobile dealership on the Peninsula under continuous ownership. Mr. Hutchens has taken a partner in its management in recent years, and he himself continues active as senior partner. Today eighty-nine people are employed at the completely modern sales and service center of Newport News Automobile Exchange.

Active in the Tidewater Auto Association, Mr. Hutchens currently holds the offices of vice president and director, and he is a member of the Newport News-Hampton Auto Dealers Association. Among his business connections, he is chairman of the board of the Citizens Marine Jefferson Bank and director of the Mutual Home Savings Association. He is director and treasurer of the Virginia Peninsula Association of Commerce, and is currently treasurer and director of the Newport News Chamber of Commerce, which he served in past years as president. He is president of the board of Riverside Hospital.

On the Democratic ticket, Mr. Hutchens was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in November 1937, took his seat in 1938, and has been returned to office each election since. Seven times he was elected without opposition.

He is active in fraternal connections, being a member of the lodges of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In Masonry, he is a member of Peninsula Lodge No. 278; the consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at Newport News; Khedive Temple (in Norfolk), Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Royal Order of Jesters. He is also a member of the Peninsula Shrine Club. He is a charter member of the James River Country Club, the Propellor Club and the Commonwealth Club, and he is a Rotarian. He is a communicant of Trinity Methodist Church.

At Bristol, Tennessee, on August 19, 1918, Charles Kunkle Hutchens, Sr., married Anne Elizabeth McErlain, daughter of John and Catherine McErlain. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchens have two children: 1. Charles Kunkle, Jr. He married Agnes Malone of Newport News, and they have six children: Karen, Charles 3rd, Brian, Mary, Catherine and Claire. 2. Walter Lewis, 2nd. Both sons are graduates of the University of Notre Dame, where Charles K., Jr., graduated cum laude. Both are associated with their father in the management of the Newport News Automobile Exchange.

HUNTER BOOKER ANDREWS—One of the younger professional men of Hampton, Hunter Booker Andrews is engaged in a general practice of law, with offices in the Citizens National Bank Building, as a member of the firm of Downing and Andrews. He is a native of that city, and was born on May 28, 1921, son of Henry Stuart and Dorothy Whiting (Booker) Andrews. His father, born in April 1894, in Newport News, is now active in the coal industry in West Virginia. Mrs. Andrews is a native of Hampton, where she was born in 1896.

Attending the public schools of Hampton, the attorney graduated from high school there in 1938, and entered the College of William and Mary, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1942. As this country was by that time involved in World War II, naval service intervened before he could continue with his law studies. Enlisting in the United States Naval Reserve, he was commissioned a lieutenant, and was in service four years, spending considerable time in the Pacific. He was released from active duty in April 1946.

Mr. Andrews then resumed his studies, and in 1948 took his degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Virginia. Admitted to the bar in 1947, he began practice as soon as he had graduated from law school, first practicing with a firm at Newport News. He remained there

four years, and since 1952 has practiced at Hampton. The present firm of Downing and Andrews was formed in April 1957. He is a member of the Hampton Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

In his own community, he is known for his activities in such groups as the Rotary Club, James River Country Club, and the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Andrews is serving a term as a member of the Hampton School Board. Since his undergraduate days he has retained membership in Kappa Alpha fraternity. He and his family attend St. John's Episcopal Church.

Hunter B. Andrews was married at Hampton on October 21, 1950, to Cynthia Collings of Newport News. She is the daughter of George B. and Bentley (Robinson) Collings. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have two children: 1. Hunter Booker, Jr., who was born on April 1, 1952. 2. Bentley Robinson, born March 16, 1954.

WILLIAM ALBERT COX, JR.—The Cox family has been prominent in the New World for nearly three centuries, its contribution having been made especially in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the New England States and the Tidewater. Continuing that contribution, William Albert Cox, Jr., as co-founder and president-treasurer of the Cox-Frank Corporation, Mechanical Contractors, and as a leader in civic and military and defense affairs, is participating in important construction activities through the handling of air conditioning, refrigeration and heating contracts for governmental, municipal, industrial, commercial and residential structures. He is active in professional engineering circles in the Lower Tidewater and is also known in other fields of interest.

Mr. Cox, who was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, on June 17, 1913, is the son of the late William Albert Cox, who was director of the Port for the Virginia State Port Authority for nearly fifteen years, and Josephine P. (Pfingst) Cox. The story of his life is not complete without at least a digest of the story of his father's life. The senior Mr. Cox was born at Indianapolis, Indiana, on September 16, 1865, and died in Virginia Beach on February 11, 1941. He was the son of William C. Cox, a druggist of Indianapolis, and Frank Huntington (Mayhew) Cox. The Cox family, of English descent, settled in New Jersey in 1668. Members of the family were prominently identified with the Colonial history of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New England. They migrated to Indiana in the early days of the settlement of that state. Jacob Cox, the great-grandfather of William Albert Cox, Jr., was a noted painter. The Mayhew branch of

the family settled in Massachusetts in the Colonial period.

William Albert Cox, Sr., was educated in the public schools of Indianapolis. He began his career as a messenger for the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railroad, rising within twelve years to the post of traveling freight agent. Subsequently he held this position and then that of general agent with the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. For a time, too, he was assistant general freight agent for the latter line. But in 1913 he resigned to come to the Lower Tidewater as traffic manager for the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. The following year he was promoted to executive secretary of the Chamber and he held this position until 1924. Then, until 1926, he was in the real estate business in Norfolk.

It was in 1926 that, withdrawing from the real estate business, Mr. Cox became director of the Port for the State Port Authority of Virginia, with offices in Norfolk and a branch in New York City. As port director he played an outstanding part in the development and growth of the entire Lower Tidewater until his death. He labored with success for years for legislation favorable to shipping interests in the Hampton Roads area and in the state and nation. He served as a director of the National Industrial Traffic League and as a member of the board of governors of the executive committee of the Southern Traffic League, and held posts in similar organizations. He represented the Commonwealth of Virginia at the Brazilian Centennial Exposition at Rio de Janeiro in 1922 and 1923. In World War I he was a "Dollar-a-Year Man," serving on the National Council of Defense, Port Facilities Commission of the United States, and as Civilian Representative of the War Department Ordnance Division.

Besides the organizations already named, the senior Mr. Cox was a member of the Propeller Club of Norfolk, the Norfolk-Portsmouth Traffic Club, the Associated Traffic Clubs of America, the Norfolk Rotary Club; Ancient Landmarks Lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Indianapolis, and the United Royal Chapter of Masons, of Norfolk. He was a member of the vestry and treasurer of the Episcopal Eastern Shore Chapel in Princess Anne County until his death at the age of seventy-six in 1941. It has been said of him that "his death marked the close of an important phase in an era of great development of the port facilities of Norfolk and Virginia, he having had a prominent part in bringing about changes of lasting benefit."

William Albert Cox, Sr., married Josephine Anna Pfingst of Louisville, Kentucky, on January 11, 1905. She was born on March 24, 1875, and died at Virginia Beach on November 17, 1954. Like her



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husband, she was for many years a member of the Eastern Shore Episcopal Chapel and was laid to rest beside him in the Chapel's graveyard. To Mr. and Mrs. William Albert Cox, Sr., were born three children: 1. William Albert, Jr., the engineer and contractor. 2. Marion King, also a mechanical engineer, who is associated with the engineering firm of Jules Channing in Miami, Florida. 3. Frank Huntington, who died in infancy.

William Albert Cox, Jr., received his early education in the public schools of Norfolk City and Princess Anne County. He was sixteen years old when he was graduated from the Oceana High School in 1930 and then he matriculated at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in 1934 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. The award of his commission as second lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, Officers Reserve Corps, was delayed until after the occurrence of his twenty-first birthday. He began his career with R. F. Trant Inc. in Norfolk. He was with this firm from 1935 to 1940. Later he became a partner in the contracting firm of Robertson, Baker and Cox, also of Norfolk.

Mr. Cox was ordered to extended active duty as a first lieutenant, United States Coast Artillery Corps, in January 1941. He was assigned to the 71st Anti-Aircraft Artillery which was for a short period stationed at Fort Story, Virginia, later being transferred to the defense of Washington, D. C. Stationed in the national capital for two and one-half years, he was transferred during that period to the 36th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade, as executive officer. In England this group was attached to the British Second Anti-Aircraft Group and the Ninth United States Air Force in "V-1" defense of Southern England and Antwerp, Belgium. He was subsequently assigned to the 30th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group, as executive officer, and proceeded overseas with that group. In the course of his service overseas, Mr. Cox, constantly rising in rank, was made executive officer to Colonel Frederick C. Chamberlain of the Third United States Army, under General George S. Patton. He was in the Battle of the Rhineland and the Battle of Central Europe, being at the end of the war in Bad Tolz, Germany. In January 1946, he was separated from active service with the rank of colonel. He holds that rank today in the United States Army Reserve and is chief of staff of the 2386 USAR Logistical Command (Training) in Norfolk.

When he resumed his civilian life in January 1946, Mr. Cox and associates organized the Cox-Frank Corporation, Mechanical Contractors, in Norfolk. Headquarters are now at 5527 Virginia

Beach Boulevard. He has been president of the firm since the beginning. Other officers are James V. Powell, Jr., vice president, and William C. Pender, one of Norfolk's prominent attorneys, secretary and treasurer. The corporation serves the entire Tidewater area and among structures in which it has carried out air-conditioning, refrigerating and heating contracts are the Saint Regis Paper Company mill at Franklin; the Lipton Tea Company plant at Suffolk; the WTAR-TV Building in Norfolk; and the Naval Amphibious Base Headquarters Building at Little Creek, to name only a few.

Mr. Cox served as president of the Builders and Contractors Exchange, Incorporated, Norfolk, in the year 1956-1957 and as president of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers in 1954. He is also a member of the American Society of Heating and Air Conditioning Engineers, the Engineers Club of Hampton Roads, the United States Power Squadron, the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk of which he is now president, the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club of which he is past commodore (1957 and 1958), and the Eastern Shore Chapel (Episcopal), London Bridge, Virginia Beach. Wood working is his hobby and boating, hunting and fishing are his favorite sports. With his family he makes his home on Wye Lane, North, Linkhorn Park, Virginia Beach.

On April 3, 1937, in Christ and Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Mr. Cox married Susan Howard Hume, daughter of the late Hartwell Heath Hume and Susan (Howard) Hume of Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Cox became the parents of four children: 1. William Albert, III, born on July 25, 1941. 2. Michael Henry, born March 18, 1948. 3. John Hume, born January 14, 1950. 4. Frank Huntington, who was born on October 27, 1954, and died on April 13, 1955.

A. BYRON WILLIAMS—As an architect, A. Byron Williams has to his credit over forty years' experience in practice in Newport News. He has designed structures of many types in the course of his long connection with the firm of Williams, Coile and Blanchard, and predecessor organizations. He is at present director of negotiations and contracts for the firm.

Mr. Williams was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on October 11, 1893. He received his early education in public and parochial schools of his native city. He also prepared for his profession there, through six years of private study under Roscoe Cook Tindall. A resident of Hampton, Virginia, he began practice as an architect in Newport News in 1915, and has since engaged in a general architectural practice, including the design of public, institutional, commercial and private buildings.

The firm which he organized was first known as MacKee and Williams. Following World War I, it became MacKee, Williams and Pettibone. In 1930 another change in membership led to a new designation: Williams, Coile and Pipino. Mr. Pipino died in 1943, and the admittance of another partner resulted in the present name: Williams, Coile and Blanchard.

The company, which has offices at Newport News, Portsmouth, and Washington, D. C., offers a full range of architectural and engineering services. These include: complete architectural design including site planning, building engineering, layout and planning for all installed equipment; civil engineering and structural design for highway, railway, and airfield construction, water supply and sewage systems, and waterfront structures; mechanical engineering design for heating plants and systems, piping layouts, ventilation, air conditioning, industrial humidity control and refrigeration; electrical engineering design for power generating and transformer stations, transmission and distribution systems, and all building wiring systems; long-range and master planning of airfield and military installations, institutional, industrial and urban development; and the preparation of reports, surveys and appraisals. In recent years, housing projects have brought the firm a larger share of its business than any other single type of construction; but its construction of schools, public and institutional buildings, industrial and commercial structures, airfield installations, and private construction has run into many millions of dollars in each category. In the Lower Tidewater area, the Magruder Elementary School and Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Newport News, and the George Wythe Junior High School and Hampton High School, both at Hampton, are examples of its construction for educational purposes. It was responsible for designing and building the City Jail and Police Administration Building at Newport News; the Court House in that city; Riverside Hospital; stores and shopping centers; and such major housing projects as Kecoughtan Courts at Hampton; Ferguson Park at Warwick; Harbor Homes, Marshall Courts and Orcutt Homes, all at Newport News; Lassiter Courts in that city; Jeffery Wilson Homes at Portsmouth; John H. Ridley Place and Dickerson Courts in Newport News; and Ida B. Barbour Park, Portsmouth. By far the largest of such projects, however, is Copeland and Newsome Parks, at Warwick and Hampton, Virginia, comprising over five thousand dwelling units and costing twenty-one and a half million dollars. Williams, Coile and Blanchard has also had a part in the construction of airfield installations, including Patrick Henry Airport and Langley Air Force Base. On some of its projects

in other parts of the country and abroad, the firm has been closely associated with Ballard and Allen of New York City, and Ignazio Gardella of Milan, Italy. In international operations, these associates function as International Technical Associates.

As senior partner in this long-established organization, Mr. Williams is active in the American Institute of Architects. His firm is a corporate member of the Virginia Chapter, and he served as president of that chapter from 1948 to 1950. He has been chairman of the Hampton Roads Tunnel Commission, and a director and member of the executive committee of the Peninsula Industrial Commission. Himself a resident of Hampton for many years, he has been a strong advocate of the consolidation of the peninsula communities into one municipality. In many respects, the various subdivisions function as one community unit, and Mr. Williams feels there will be further progress in co-ordinating them politically, in the near future. He is vitally interested in public and political affairs. A Democrat, he served as campaign manager for former Speaker of the House, G. Alvin Massenberg, and for former State Senator Victor P. Wilson.

Mr. Williams is registered as an architect in the states of Virginia, North Carolina and Florida. He is a member of the Engineers' Club of the Virginia Peninsula, the James River Country Club, and the Knights of Columbus, of which he was state deputy in 1930. He is a communicant of St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church in Newport News.

On August 18, 1915, A. Byron Williams married Laetitia M. Golterman of Wilmington, Delaware, daughter of George R. and Sarah Golterman. The couple became the parents of five children: 1. Ursula, who is now the wife of James H. Richardson. 2. Josephine, who married Louis G. Plummer. 3. Eileen, now Mrs. Frederick B. Jorgensen. 4. Laetitia, who married Thomas B. Edmonds. 5. Byron F., a graduate of Catholic University, where he studied architecture. There are fifteen grandchildren.

KENNETH GORDON CUMMING—A member of the Virginia State Bar since 1939, Kenneth Gordon Cumming has practiced his profession continuously in Hampton since that year, except for the three-year period in which he was in the armed forces in World War II. He is a member of the law firm of Montague, Cumming and Watkins, with offices in Suite 405, Citizens Bank Building, Hampton.

Mr. Cumming was born in Washington, D. C., on August 23, 1913. He is the son of the late Samuel Gordon Cumming, an attorney, and Mitie Anne (Jester) Cumming, both of whom were born in Hampton. The father practiced law in



Frank O. Tarrall Jr.

Hampton for many years. He died in 1919 and is survived by the mother.

Kenneth G. Cumming, reared in Hampton, attended that city's public schools. In 1932, he was graduated from the Hampton High School. Seven years later he took the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Commercial Law at the College of William and Mary. Since his admission to the Bar soon thereafter, he has been practicing in Hampton. He took time out from his practice to serve three years with the Judge Advocate General's Department of the United States Army in the Far East. He held the rank of first lieutenant. As a partner in Montague, Cumming and Watkins, Mr. Cumming engages in general practice. He is a member of the Hampton Bar Association, Virginia Bar Association, the James River Country Club and Kappa Alpha fraternity. He worships at St. John's Episcopal Church of Hampton. He is a Democrat. Boating is his hobby.

Mr. Cumming married Carolyn Howard of Newport News, daughter of J. Morris and Helen (Ward) Howard, in that city on August 26, 1950. They have two children: 1. Lawrence Gordon, born on May 28, 1951. 2. Elizabeth Howard, born on February 21, 1955.

FRANK D. TARRALL, JR.—As an engineer, Frank D. Tarrall, Jr., has for the past decade headed his own firm, with offices in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, and also at Princess Anne Court House. He is an official of other organizations as well, is currently president of the Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce, and is serving on the state board for the licensing of architects, engineers and surveyors.

He is a native of Norfolk and was born on June 5, 1907, son of Frank D. and Mary Virginia (Orr) Tarrall. Both parents are now deceased. His father, who was born in 1869, was an employee of the city of Norfolk during much of his life. The younger Frank D. Tarrall attended the public schools of that city, and graduated from Maury High School in 1926.

Until December 1941, he was employed by the City of Norfolk Department of Public Works, and in the course of that connection gained valuable experience in various phases of the engineering profession, including surveying. He put this experience to good use when, at the end of that time, he joined John M. Baldwin, a civil engineer of Norfolk, as a surveyor associate. They continued their professional association for five years.

In 1946, Mr. Tarrall opened his own office in Norfolk, and established a partnership with Norman Z. Ball under the firm name of Frank D. Tarrall, Jr., and Associates. This engineering and sur-

veying firm he has managed to date, and as the volume of business has grown, he has opened two offices in addition to the one in Selden Arcade in Norfolk. He has occupied that location since 1955, and the branch offices are at Virginia Beach and Princess Anne Court House. Frank D. Tarrall, Jr., and Associates is a large organization of its kind, employing thirty workers.

In addition to his duties in connection with its management, Mr. Tarrall has other business interests, including positions as treasurer of the Contractors Paving Company, and director of the Bank of Virginia Beach, Tidewater Linen Corporation, and Varied Corporation, a real estate development firm.

Governor Stanley recently appointed him a member of the state board whose function is to examine engineers, architects and surveyors for certification. He is serving a five-year term which will end June 30, 1962. A member of the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, he is also a delegate to the state body at the present time. He is a member of the Hampton Roads Post of the Society of American Military Engineers, and the Engineers Club of Hampton Roads.

Mr. Tarrall has held a number of responsible public posts in his area. He is chairman of the building and site committee of the Virginia Beach-Princess Anne County Library; is one of the trustees representing the City of Virginia Beach for the Tidewater Historic Drama Association; and is a member of the advertising board of the City of Virginia Beach. A Democrat, he was elected in June 1952, to the city council there. He is chairman of the Virginia Beach High School Band Fund; is president of the Virginia Beach Memorial Stadium Association; and is president of the Police and Fire Pension Fund of Virginia Beach, and honorary chief of the Virginia Beach Volunteer Fire Department. He is an associate member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Another of Mr. Tarrall's interests is the Boy Scouts of America, and he serves on the executive board of its Tidewater Council. Active in the Virginia Beach Chamber of Commerce, he was elected its president for the 1958 term. He is a Rotarian, and a member of the Princess Anne Country Club, the Cavalier Yacht and Country Club, and the Virginia Club of Norfolk. A communicant of the First Baptist Church, he has been active in its program as a deacon and teacher of the Berean Men's Class, as well as a member of its finance committee, and as chairman of the "Budget Booster Committee."

In his native city of Norfolk on June 5, 1936, Frank D. Tarrall, Jr. married Elizabeth Clark of that city, daughter of Captain Joseph M. and Mary (Kelly) Clark. Both of her parents are now de-

ceased. Her father founded the Joseph M. Clark Tugboat Company. The couple are the parents of one son, Frank D. 3rd, who was born on February 24, 1938. He is now attending Norfolk Division of William and Mary College.

BERNARD RIVIN—The executive vice president and manager of Portsmouth's store for women known as The Famous, Bernard Rivin has won a place in the front rank of the city's business, civic and social leaders. He possesses the foresight and practical abilities which, combined with good employee relations, have built a successful commercial enterprise. He has co-operated wholeheartedly with community projects and organizations.

Born November 27, 1918, at Boston, Massachusetts, he is one of four children of Hyman and Bella (Woolf) Rivin. His father is the owner of a chain of retail groceries, operated under the firm name of Rivin Brothers. Its headquarters are in Sioux City, Iowa. Reared in the Midwest, Bernard Rivin received his early education in the schools of Scotland, South Dakota, and graduated from high school there in 1936. He then entered Harvard University, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1940, having majored in economics.

Mr. Rivin is a veteran of World War II, having enlisted as a private on January 12, 1942. Assigned to the Quartermaster Corps, he was stationed at Camp Lee and at Columbus, Ohio, and at the time of his separation from the service on May 16, 1946, held the rank of chief warrant officer.

In the summer of that year he came to Portsmouth to assume his duties as manager of The Famous. This store was founded in 1916 by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Goodman and was incorporated under its present name in 1948. The present officers of the corporation are Belle B. Goodman, president; Bernard Rivin, executive vice president and manager; Elsie Leviton, vice president; Helen Hearst, treasurer; and Zelma Rivin, secretary.

Since 1939 The Famous has been located at High and Court streets, the most prominent business intersection of downtown Portsmouth. For fashion shopping, The Famous is indisputably Tidewater Virginia's foremost women's apparel store and draws its trade from all parts of the region and eastern North Carolina as well, with about seventy per cent of its volume of trade being drawn from the Greater Portsmouth area.

Mr. Rivin has demonstrated a broad and genuine interest in community affairs. He is a director of the Portsmouth Retail Merchants Association, a past director of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the board of the Portsmouth Public Library. He is also a director

of the Portsmouth Industrial Foundation and a member of the board of directors of Portsmouth General Hospital.

He is a Kiwanian and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society. Taking a vital interest in the affairs of his faith, he is a member and past president of the Portsmouth Jewish Community Council, a member of Portsmouth District of Zionist Organizations of America, and a member and president of Temple Sinai of Portsmouth. He retains his Masonic memberships in Scotland, South Dakota, his boyhood home town, and also belongs to Acca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Richmond.

On August 30, 1941, at Portsmouth, Bernard Rivin married Zelma Goodman, daughter of the late Isaac and Belle (Blachman) Goodman of Portsmouth. Mr. and Mrs. Rivin are the parents of four children: 1. Richard Andrew, born January 9, 1946. 2. Anne, born May 9, 1948. 3. Rosalind, born March 10, 1952. 4. Jonathan, born December 19, 1955. The family resides at 418 Rockridge Road, Portsmouth.

CHARLES ROLLIN GRANDY (April 9, 1871-June 10, 1932) was born in Norfolk, Virginia, the son of Cyrus Wiley and Mary Selden Grandy. He attended the Norfolk Academy and Bellevue High School and from the University of Virginia (1889-1892) received his Bachelor of Arts degree and his degree of Doctor of Medicine. After interning in New York City at Bellevue and the Hudson Street hospitals, he studied pathology for two years in Germany.

In 1898, Dr. Grandy returned to Norfolk and became a leader in the fight for the prevention of tuberculosis, organizing the Anti-TB League of Norfolk in 1906, five years before the State Association was founded. Dr. Grandy carried on this work without compensation. The sale of Christmas seals and private contributions provided the necessary funds. Beds exclusively for tubercular patients were provided at the City Home. A summer camp for children with tubercular tendencies was founded at Cape Henry, and another at Willoughby. At the Welfare Center several buildings were used for tubercular patients. This treatment center was named in Dr. Grandy's honor in 1932.

In 1899, Dr. Grandy was the author of the first comprehensive public health law for Virginia. His articles on malaria and similar diseases were published in many medical journals. He was an active, tireless champion of better education in Norfolk, and served as chairman of the School Board from 1919 to 1931. Dr. Grandy was president of the Norfolk County Medical Society (1900-1901), a member of the Seaboard Medical Association and



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the American Medical Association and president of the Medical Society of Virginia in 1931. Dr. Grandy was a fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of the American Public Health Association, the American Child Health Association and the National Tuberculosis Association.

He held membership in the Norfolk Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia Club, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Princess Anne Country Club. He was a communicant of Christ Church.

On January 16, 1901, Dr. Charles R. Grandy married Mabel Elkin Dickman of Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Franklin J. and Ann Eliza Neal Dickman. Their children were Julia Selden (born April 3, 1903) and William Selden (born March 22, 1907). Mabel Dickman Grandy died in May 1914. Dr. Grandy married on June 10, 1916, Elizabeth Norfleet Neely of Portsmouth, Virginia, daughter of Robert Johnson and Elizabeth Norfleet Ridley Neely.

The following is quoted from an editorial at the time of Dr. Grandy's death.

For more than twenty-five years and until his health compelled a temporary cessation of daily and nightly activity, Dr. Grandy gave—literally gave—his trained, experienced, learned and altruistic services to this community.

EDWIN RALPH JAMES was born March 20, 1896, at Dendron, Virginia. He received his early education in the local public schools, and was granted the Bachelor of Science degree by the College of William and Mary in 1916. Thereafter, he served with the United States Army during World I, and taught in the Richmond Public Schools for four years. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Richmond in 1924, and was admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1925.

He began practice in Hampton in 1926 and is now senior member of the law firm of James, Richardson and James of that city. His partners are R. V. Richardson and L. Eldon James. They are engaged in general practice, including corporation, insurance, real estate, and probate law, and are trial counsel for a number of nationally known clients.

Mr. James is a former assistant to the Attorney General of Virginia; and is a Baptist, a Mason, past departmental commander of the American Legion, and a member of the Hampton, Virginia, and American bar associations, the Kiwanis Club, and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is past president of the Virginia State Bar and of the Hampton Kiwanis Club. He has been a member of the General Assembly of Virginia since 1952.

He is married to Matilda McLeod Robinson of Hampton, and they have three children: Ann, wife

of Horace C. Buxton of Falls Church, Virginia; Matilda, wife of Captain Samuel W. Smithers, Jr., of the United States Army; and Edwin Ralph, Jr., a law student at the University of Richmond.

R. KENNETH WEEKS—Broad technical education and experience has formed the background of the career of R. Kenneth Weeks, who heads the consulting engineering firm of R. Kenneth Weeks, Engineers, with principal offices in Norfolk. The firm, with its staff of experienced and qualified personnel, renders complete engineering services in the sanitary, civil, mechanical and electrical fields. Where architectural or other services are required, the firm assumes responsibility for contracting in association with other recognized firms. Water supply and purification; sewerage and sewage treatment; municipal investigations; surveys, appraisals and reports; and dams, bridges, streets and highways have all been included in the scope of its professional services.

The firm has completed work on an impressive number of projects since its organization in early 1954. Some of the major projects for which it has provided engineering services include: major expansion of sewerage and water systems for the Town of Franklin; advance planning and final design of numerous military projects for the Fifth Naval District and Corps of Engineers in Norfolk; improvements in the main water pumping station, booster stations and distribution system for the City of Virginia Beach; surveys and preliminary investigations for a new plant of the Nestlé Chocolate Company, at Suffolk; a community swimming pool, bathhouse and water filtration system in Suffolk; sanitary sewers and sewage treatment for the City of Suffolk; preliminary investigations, design, and supervision of construction for the City of Portsmouth's dams and reservoirs located on the Nansemond River and Speight's Run; topographical surveys and mapping of the City of Suffolk; extensive work on the northern approaches to the Hampton Roads Tunnel; work on the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike; site improvements, and water supply, sanitary sewers and sewage treatment projects for various communities in the Norfolk area; sewage treatment works, additional water supply, storage and distribution, and four river bridges for the City of Waynesboro; preparation of annexation data for municipalities; design of sanitary sewers and sewage treatment works and water supply and distribution for the Town of Onancock; concrete dam for additional water supply, elevated storage, filtration and distribution for Chesterfield County, Virginia; extensive sewerage improvements in the City of South Norfolk; and a role in the design of numerous churches, schools, municipal buildings,

shopping centers, drive-in banks, housing, and streets, highways, and utilities for urban redevelopment projects. The firm of R. Kenneth Weeks, Engineers, is engaged primarily in the design of sewerage and sewage treatment and waterworks for a considerable number of cities, counties and communities in the state of Virginia, whose rapid growth makes this type of service imperative.

Mr. Weeks is a young man to be in charge of such responsible work. He was born on February 15, 1923, at St. George, South Carolina, son of Richard L. and Lettie (Maree) Weeks. Mrs. Weeks survives and now makes her home in Florence, South Carolina. The Weeks family has long been prominent in the state. Richard L. Weeks, who died in 1938, practiced law at St. George. Mr. Weeks was noted as a brilliant trial lawyer, served in the South Carolina Senate from Dorchester County, and was much in demand as a public speaker. He was a son of Captain Robert Singleton Weeks, a substantial planter of that county and a veteran of service in the Confederate States Army. Lettie (Maree) Weeks is descended of a family long established in Berkley County, South Carolina, and is a daughter of Paul Durant Maree, a rice planter there. Paul Durant Maree served as a sergeant in the Confederate States Army, which he entered at the age of sixteen.

After attending the public schools of St. George and graduating from high school there in 1939, R. Kenneth Weeks entered The Citadel at Charleston. In 1943 he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, was designated an honor graduate, and listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." In 1948, he was awarded the degree of Civil Engineer by The Citadel. He served in the armed forces from 1943 to 1946, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Later transferring to the Marine Corps as an engineer officer, he attained the rank of captain. He served as instructor and officer-in-charge of surveying and basic engineering schools, and as engineer in charge of design and construction for roads, airfields, and water and sewerage facilities for a number of installations. He was separated from the service in April 1946, but retains the rank of captain in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

From 1946 to 1948, Mr. Weeks was a design engineer for the association of Frederic R. Harris Engineering Corporation of New York, and Greeley and Hansen, Engineers, of Chicago. He designed water and sanitary sewerage systems, and also worked on the structural and hydraulic design of flood-control projects, continuous concrete and rigid-frame bridges, tunnels and channels. In 1948, he joined the Augusta, Georgia, firm of Patchen and

Zimmerman, Engineers, where until 1951 he served as a project engineer in responsible charge of investigations, project planning, design and supervision of construction for water and sewage treatment works for municipalities and governmental agencies.

Mr. Weeks came to Norfolk in 1951 to join the firm of Myron Sturgeon, Engineers, and later was associated with Sturgeon, Clark and Buhr, Architects and Engineers. With these organizations he was in responsible charge of the design and supervision of construction of all sanitary projects, which included water supply and purification facilities and sewage collection and treatment works for municipalities and U.S. Naval Facilities.

With this background of valuable experience, he became a partner in the firm of Causey and Weeks, Engineers, on February 10, 1954. In February 1955, the organization became R. Kenneth Weeks, Engineers, with Mr. Weeks as its directing head.

Keeping his professional connections active, Mr. Weeks holds state registrations as a Civil Engineer in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He is president of the Norfolk Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and holds membership in the Society of American Military Engineers, the Federation of Sewage and Industrial Wastes Associations, American Water Works Association, and the National Society of Professional Engineers. In his own city he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. His favorite outdoor pastime is fishing.

At Florence, South Carolina, on July 21, 1945, R. Kenneth Weeks married Mildred Ann Siler of Knoxville, Tennessee, daughter of the late James S. and Mary (Hamlin) Siler. Mrs. Weeks served in the Marine Corps' Women's Reserve in World War II. The couple are active members of the Talbott Park Baptist Church in Norfolk, where Mr. Weeks serves on the board of deacons and teaches in the Sunday school. He is a member and past president of the Men's Brotherhood of the Church. Mrs. Weeks teaches in the Sunday school and the Training Union. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. Beverly Ann, born April 18, 1946. 2. Robert Kenneth, Jr., born November 13, 1948. 3. Lynda Maree, born August 31, 1953.

COLONEL JOHN B. PINNER—Suffolk is nationally known as the capital of the peanut industry, and one of the men who helped make it so was the late Colonel John B. Pinner. As president of the Suffolk Peanut Company, he was at the head of the largest single peanut cleaning and shelling plant in the world for some years before his death. It was he who first conceived the idea of such a plant at Suffolk, and he is accordingly



J. D. Dinner



held in great respect in his industry as one of its pioneers.

Born on April 30, 1861, he was a son of John F. and Margaret Patience (Beale) Pinner, and his forebears in the paternal line had lived in Nansemond County for several generations.

Colonel Pinner received his education in local schools, and began his career in the real estate business with his father, their firm being known as the John F. and John B. Pinner Company. It was founded under that name in 1888. An account of Colonel Pinner's career appearing in the columns of the Norfolk "Virginian Pilot" at the time of his death in 1938, relates how he was first attracted to the peanut industry, late in 1897:

Sitting in his real estate office one day just before the turn of the century, Col. Pinner... saw some carts piled high with bags of peanuts on their way to Smithfield. "Why not a plant for Suffolk?" he asked himself. "Why should all these peanuts go to Smithfield?"

He talked over his idea with the late William Jones, cashier of the Farmers Bank. Mr. Jones encouraged him, and Colonel Pinner entered a partnership with the late John King, of Windsor, who had one of the early cleaning plants in that town. Mr. King's machinery was said to have been powered by mules. At the insistence of Colonel Pinner, Mr. King brought the machinery to Suffolk. Colonel Pinner's \$5,000.00 invested in the plant, founded on the South Saratoga Street site where it is today, brought him a manifold return. The plant grew and prospered, and it retained the name of the Suffolk Peanut Company.

It became the largest plant of its kind in existence, and played its part in making Suffolk the foremost center of the peanut trade. Colonel Pinner also found time to continue in his real estate enterprise to the end of his life.

At one time, Colonel Pinner served as mayor of Suffolk, and he also held office as city councilman. He took a constructive and helpful interest in every type of worth-while community and welfare work, including the charity programs, the Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, and Red Cross. In Scouting, he was a director of the Old Dominion Area Council. He was also a member of the Suffolk Post of the Travelers Protective Association. A member of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, he had held office as its president and remained on its board of directors. He was a director of the Tidewater Automobile Association, and sponsor of many of its safety conferences. He was also a charter member and past president of the Suffolk Lions Club. His title of colonel came through his service on the staff of Governor Henry C. Stuart.

A communicant of the Suffolk Presbyterian Church, Colonel Pinner served as senior elder of the congregation, and taught a men's Bible class. He was a generous contributor to the church.

Regarding the significance of his career, the article in the Norfolk "Virginian Pilot" commented:

Colonel Pinner was known through Virginia for his work in worthy causes, but Suffolk knew him best as a gracious gentleman and as the founder of the industry that has made the city the largest peanut market in the world... One of Suffolk's most civic-minded citizens, his active interest in and generous contributions to all types of uplift work... made him a leader in the Town's affairs throughout his mature life.

Colonel John B. Pinner married Miss Willie Jordan. The couple became the parents of the following children: 1. John Franklin, whose record follows, 2. Katherine Peebles.

Colonel's Pinner's distinguished career in industry and community service ended with his death on August 29, 1938, in his seventy-eighth year.

JOHN FRANKLIN PINNER—Continuing the management of an enterprise which his father founded, and which has made an incalculable contribution to Suffolk's economy, the late John Franklin Pinner guided the Suffolk Peanut Company to greater growth and achievement. He was also a lawyer, and an official of other business enterprises, including the long-established family real estate firm.

A native of Suffolk, he was the son of Colonel John B. Pinner, whose biographical sketch accompanies, and his wife, the former Miss Willie Jordan. Attending Norfolk Academy and completing his preparatory studies there, John Franklin Pinner went on to advanced studies at the University of Virginia. He received his degree of Bachelor of Laws from the university's Law School.

Admitted to the bar, he practiced law in Suffolk until 1914, and at that time joined the Suffolk Peanut Company. When his father died in 1938, he became its president, and capably managed the growing company until his own death nearly two decades later. He was also president of the John F. and John B. Pinner, Inc., real estate firm, in which his father and grandfather had become partners in the 1880s. He was vice president of Supeco Storage Corporation of Suffolk, and also vice president of the Holland Lee Company, another firm active in the vital peanut industry for which the region is famous. He served on the board of directors of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond.

Mr. Pinner held few memberships in organizations of a fraternal or civic nature during his lifetime, although he gave generous and effective support, in both time and money, to all programs whose aim was the improvement of the community and the welfare of its people. A communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, he served as a member of its vestry.

John Franklin Pinner married Laura Etheredge. The couple became the parents of two children: 1. John B., who is the subject of a separate bio-

graphical sketch. 2. A daughter, who is the wife of A. H. Graham of Durham, North Carolina, and the mother of four children: i. Margaret E. ii. Alexander H., 3rd. iii. John Pinner. iv. Laura Pinner Graham.

A distinguished career in industry and community service came to a close with the death of John Franklin Pinner, on September 4, 1957.

JOHN B. PINNER represents the third generation of his family interested in the management of one of the nation's foremost enterprises in its industry—the Suffolk Peanut Company. A community leader, he also has other business interests; and he is making a contribution to the commercial and civic life of his city commensurate with the responsibilities and expectations placed upon him.

A native of Suffolk, he was born on August 22, 1912, and is a son of John Franklin and Laura (Etheredge) Pinner. His father, a lawyer and successor to the founder in the presidency of the Suffolk Peanut Company, is the subject of a separate sketch accompanying John B. Pinner commenced his education in the public schools of Suffolk, and attended Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. Entering the University of Virginia, he graduated there in 1935.

Since that time, Mr. Pinner has been with the Suffolk Peanut Company. He began his connection as a salesman, and was later promoted to traffic manager and sales manager. He later joined the executive ranks as secretary of the corporation, and was vice president at the time of his father's death in 1957. He was then chosen president. He is also president of Supeco Storage Corporation of Suffolk, and John F. and John B. Pinner, Inc., real estate and insurance firm in Suffolk. In this latter organization, he represents the fourth generation of family management, for it was founded by his grandfather and great-grandfather over seventy years ago.

Mr. Pinner was absent at the time of World War II, serving with the United States Army overseas for nineteen months.

Although he is not active in clubs or fraternal organizations, Mr. Pinner participates fully in the program of the Episcopal Church. He is also a dependable and most useful supporter of every worthwhile civic project.

On June 2, 1943, John B. Pinner married Helen Kathryn Burke of Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Theodore Burke. The couple are the parents of three children: 1. John F., 3rd, who was born on April 12, 1944. 2. Christopher E., born October 1, 1946. 3. Kathryn M., born January 21, 1948.

FRANKLIN OWEN BLECHMAN is engaged in the general practice of law at Newport News.

as a member of the firm of Jones, Blechman, Woltz and Kelly.

He was born at Oxford, Pennsylvania, on June 20, 1905, the son of Julius, a retired merchant, and Eva Blechman. Franklin Owen Blechman completed his law studies at the University of Virginia, being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1927. Admitted to the Virginia Bar, he began practice at Newport News and is a member of the firm of Jones, Blechman, Woltz and Kelly. This organization engages in a general civil practice, with offices in the Melson Building. Mr. Blechman's partners are Allan D. Jones, Arthur W. Woltz, and Herbert V. Kelly. The firm represents a large number of insurance firms and such varied corporations as Beck's City Bakery, Stuart Gardens Corporation, States Construction Company, Rollins Motors, and Parker T. Host, Inc., Shipping Agents.

Mr. Blechman is a member of the American Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, the Newport News Rotary Club, and the lodges of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and B'nai B'rith. He attends Ohel Shalom Temple. Among his business interests is Citizens Marine Jefferson Bank of Newport News, on whose board of directors he serves.

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 14, 1933, Franklin Owen Blechman married Marie C. Penn, daughter of Leo G. and Rosa H. Penn. The couple are the parents of the following children: 1. Judith Ann, born May 22, 1939. 2. Elizabeth Rose, born August 13, 1943. 3. Franklin Owen, Jr., born July 7, 1947.

ARTHUR W. WOLTZ—For a little over two decades, Arthur W. Woltz has practiced law at Newport News. He is a partner in the firm of Jones, Blechman, Woltz and Kelly.

Born at Galax, Virginia, on December 8, 1905, he is a son of Albert Wiley and Flora (Lundy) Woltz. Both of his parents were native Virginians, his father born in Carroll County and his mother in Grayson County. Albert W. Woltz, a cabinet-maker by trade, died in 1954, surviving by many years his wife, the former Flora Lundy, who died December 20, 1905, just twelve days after the birth of their son. Arthur W. Woltz attended the public schools of Galax, and graduated from high school in Newport News, in 1925. He prepared himself for his profession through private study, and courses with LaSalle Extension University.

Admitted to the bar in 1935, he has practiced at Newport News since, and, in 1948, he became a member of the firm of Jones, Blechman, Woltz and Kelly. The firm is engaged in a general practice of civil law, having among its clients the Citizens

Marine Jefferson Bank, Hampton Roads Sanitation Commission, Retail Merchants Association, Stuart Gardens Corporation, and a number of insurance companies. Sketches of the partners, Franklin O. Blechman and Herbert V. Kelly, accompany this record.

Mr. Woltz is a member of the American Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar, the Newport News-Warwick Bar Association, of which he is a past president, and the Hampton Bar Association. He is a Kiwanian, and a Democrat in his politics. Attending the Aldersgate Methodist Church, he serves as a lay leader there. He is fond of the out-of-doors, particularly of hunting and fishing.

At Richmond, on November 3, 1930, Arthur W. Woltz married Rosalind Darlington of Williamsburg, Virginia, daughter of Curtis and Lula (Binns) Darlington, and member of an old Virginia family.

HERBERT VALENTINE KELLY—Returning from Air Corps service in World War II, Herbert V. Kelly began his practice of law at Newport News and is now a partner in the firm of Jones, Blechman, Woltz and Kelly. He has taken an interest in public affairs, having headed the city's electoral board, and he holds membership in a number of community organizations.

Born February 14, 1920, in Brunswick County, Virginia, he is a son of William Herbert and Mary (Lundy) Kelly. His father was chief of police at Williamsburg. After attending the public schools of that city, Herbert V. Kelly entered the College of William and Mary, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1941. Two years later he received his Bachelor of Civil Law degree from the same institution. After graduation from law school, he entered the Army Air Corps in 1943, and won his commission as a captain, serving in the China-Burma-India Theatre from 1944 to 1946. When the war was ended he put his legal training to good use for the government, participating in the war-crimes trials for a period of eight months.

Honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps in 1946, Mr. Kelly came to Newport News to begin his career as an associate in the law firm of Jones, Blechman and Jones. In 1950 he became a partner in the firm, which is now known as Jones, Blechman, Woltz and Kelly. The partnership has a number of important corporate clients in the area, including the Citizens Marine Jefferson Bank. Offices are in the Melson Building.

Mr. Kelly began his service as chairman of the electoral board, City of Newport News, in 1950, and served through 1955. Besides the local, state and national bar associations, he is a member of Sigma Pi fraternity, which he joined while a student at the College of William and Mary. He is a member

and past president of the Rotary Club of Newport News, and is currently serving as president of Peninsula Community Fund, Inc. He and his family are communicants of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Warwick, where they make their home.

Mrs. Kelly is the former Beverly Elizabeth Peebles of Hampton, daughter of Hubert Kenneth and Dora Lee (Gray) Peebles. The couple were married on April 17, 1948, and are the parents of two children: 1. Herbert Valentine, Jr., born December 18, 1950. 2. Priscilla Lee, born February 20, 1952.

WILBUR TALMADGE LEARY—A leader in the pharmaceutical profession in the Portsmouth area, Wilbur Talmadge Leary is the owner of Cradock Pharmacy, Inc., at 56 Afton Parkway, and Leary's Pharmacy, at George Washington Highway and Victory Boulevard. Both are leading concerns in drug and sundries retailing. Besides his business interests, Mr. Leary takes a constructive part in civic and public affairs. He has served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Norfolk County and South Norfolk since 1950.

The oldest of three children of his parents, William Henry and Grace (Halstead) Leary, the drug store executive and legislator was born July 23, 1912, in South Norfolk. His father, who died in 1952, was a carpenter at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and son of William Leary, prominent farmer of Edenton, North Carolina, who served in the legislature of that state. Grace (Halstead) Leary is still living, and continues to maintain the family home in South Norfolk.

Wilbur T. Leary passed his boyhood in that community, and graduated from South Norfolk High School in 1929. He then entered the Medical College of Virginia, attending classes in its pharmacy branch, and became a graduate in Pharmacy in 1933. He began his professional career with the People's Service Drug Stores, at this company's store on High Street in Portsmouth, and acquired valuable experience there over a period of six years.

In 1939, he acquired the interests of W. I. Monroe, who owned Monroe's Cradock Pharmacy in the Cradock Community. At the time he bought the business, he changed its name to the present form, Cradock Pharmacy, Inc. In 1941 the store was moved to its present location, 56 Afton Parkway. In the years since, this progressive and capably managed concern has taken a conspicuous place among pharmaceutical and sundries distributors of the area. It has nine employees.

In further expanding his business operations in February 1956, Mr. Leary founded Leary's Pharmacy, located in the shopping center at George Washington Highway and Victory Boulevard. This

scientifically managed enterprise is one of the most modern of its kind in the Portsmouth Suburban area, and it too employs nine people in its operations.

As a pharmacist, Mr. Leary is a member of the Tidewater Retail Druggists Association, the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association, the American Pharmaceutical Association and the National Retail Druggists Association. His interest in good government led to his candidacy for membership in the Virginia House of Delegates, to which he was first elected in 1950. By succeeding re-elections, he continues to represent the people of Norfolk County and South Norfolk in the General Assembly of Virginia. He is a member and chairman of the Library Committee, and serves on the Roads and Internal Navigation Committee and the Retrenchment and Economy Committee.

Mr. Leary has a secondary business interest in the banking field, serving on the board of directors of the Bank of Cradock. One of the organizers of the Cradock Retail Merchants Association, he has served as its president. He was also one of the organizers, and is a past president, of the Cradock Sports Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Independent Order of Old Fellows. He has given his full support to many civic projects for the development of Tidewater Virginia and the welfare of its people. A communicant of the Cradock Baptist Church, he has served on its board of deacons. His hobbies are model railroads and stamp collecting.

At Richmond, on November 20, 1935, Wilbur Talmadge Leary married Mary Katherine Lee, daughter of Isaac Rhoads and Maria Thurston (Smith) Lee. The couple are the parents of four children: 1. Richard Lee. 2. Thomas Rhoads. 3. Katherine Lee. 4. William. The family resides at 5 Morris Street, Portsmouth.

JAMES LEONIDAS CAMP, SR.—One of the Lower Tidewater's influential industrialists of past years, James Leonidas Camp, Sr., was a founder of the Camp Manufacturing Company; headed the Marion County Lumber Company in South Carolina; and was also an official of mining, manufacturing, banking, and railway corporations. He was a responsible citizen of the Franklin area, where he made his home, taking a constructive part in the promotion of community, educational, and religious activities.

Born in Southampton County on December 28, 1857, he was a member of a family descended from early Virginia settlers. He was a son of George Camp and his second wife, Sallie (Cutchins) Camp of Isle of Wight County. George Camp was born

in 1793, and his wife in 1815. They were married in 1837. He died in 1879 and she in 1888. George Camp was the son of George and Hannah (Wright) Camp. The elder George Camp was born in Gloucester County, but moved to Southampton County, where he married Hannah Wright on March 1, 1792. He was a son of Thomas Camp, who served in Colonel Charles Harrison's Regiment of Artillery in the Revolutionary War. Thomas married Mary Tomkins on September 26, 1755. He was a son of William Camp, who registered in Gloucester County in 1730 as a witness, and who received a patent of land in Isle of Wight in 1741. The name of his wife is not recorded. William was a son of William Camp, who came to Virginia in 1663 as one of the company of fifty headed by William West who settled on land between Curretucke Creek and the Poquoman River.

Receiving his early education in elementary schools near Franklin, James L. Camp, Sr., was later a student at a business college in Baltimore, Maryland. As a youth, he gained experience in the lumber industry, and in the management of properties owned by his father. In 1878, he went to Hertford County, North Carolina, where he joined his brother, Paul D., in the firm known as P. D. Camp and Brother. That firm operated several small lumber mills. In 1887 it moved its headquarters to Franklin, Virginia, and in the same year the firm was incorporated as the Camp Manufacturing Company. James L. Camp, Sr., assumed duties as vice president and general manager at that time. In 1915, he took over the duties of secretary and treasurer as well; and when Paul D. Camp died in 1924, James L. became president of the company, an office he had held for a year at the time of his death.

In 1910, he became president of the Marion County Lumber Company, a South Carolina organization in which controlling interest was acquired by the Camp Manufacturing Company in 1920. In 1904, he joined others in organizing the Seaboard Bank of Norfolk, predecessor of the Seaboard-Citizens National Bank. He served as second vice president and a director of this bank from 1905 through 1907. In 1925, Mr. Camp became president of the Albion Mining and Manufacturing Company of Ocala, Florida, which he had previously served as secretary, treasurer and director from 1895. In addition to the above connections, he was vice president and director of the Roanoke Railway Company, and a director of Charles W. Priddy and Company of Norfolk, manufacturers of commercial fertilizers.

Mr. Camp served on the board of directors of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, and he was one of the organizers of the North



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Carolina Pine Association, subsequently holding office as its president. This organization later merged with the Southern Pine Association. The eminent industrialist took a vital interest in the cause of higher education. From 1901 until the time of his death, he served as a trustee of the University of Richmond. He was for over twenty years a deacon of the Franklin Baptist Church. From 1921 to 1925 he was a trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. In politics, he was a Democrat.

On October 21, 1884, at Como, North Carolina, James Leonidas Camp, Sr., married Caroline Fountain Savage, daughter of Robert Risop and Rowena (Vann) Savage. Her father was a clergyman. The couple became the parents of the following children: 1. Robert George, who was born on August 12, 1885. 2. Carrie Lee, born on October 12, 1886. 3. Carlton, born in 1888. 4. Rowena Savage, who was born on October 12, 1891, and who married Sol Waite Rawls. 5. Sallie Shepherd, born on January 12, 1893. She is the wife of Burton Justice Ray. 6. James Leonidas, Jr., born on June 7, 1895. He married Mary Frances Clay of Selma, Alabama, and is the subject of a separate biographical sketch accompanying. 7. Elizabeth Fountain, born on July 9, 1897. She married William Eldridge Smith. 8. William McCutcheon, born on January 24, 1900, married Edith West Clay of Selma Alabama. His record accompanies. 9. Hugh Douglas, born on April 4, 1903, married Ada Coleman of Selma, Alabama.

Mr. Camp's death occurred at Franklin on December 4, 1925.

JAMES LEONIDAS CAMP, JR.—The motivating purpose underlying the industrial career of James Leonidas Camp, Jr., of Franklin, may be expressed in the phrase which is his company's motto: "Turning today's visions into tomorrow's lumber and paper achievements." He succeeded his late father as head of Camp Manufacturing Company, and since its consolidation to form Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation, has been vice chairman of the board of the emergent organization. His effective efforts have not been confined to his business connections, however. He has provided valuable leadership within the lumber industry; and has rendered important civic service through such groups as the J. L. Camp Foundation.

A native of Franklin, he was born on June 7, 1895, son of James Leonidas, Sr., and Caroline (Savage) Camp. His father's record is contained in a separate account, which also notes the distinguished family background of the Camps. After completing his secondary studies in the public schools of his region, the younger James L. Camp entered Wake

Forest College in North Carolina, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1914. During the succeeding year he took graduate courses at Columbia University.

In 1915 he joined the Camp Manufacturing Company as a lumber plant worker. In 1919 he was transferred to the sales department, and was named vice president in charge of sales in 1921. His father died in 1925, and with the beginning of the following year, James L. Camp, Jr., assumed duties as president and acting chairman of the Camp Manufacturing Company. He continued in the presidency until March 1956, and was chairman thereafter until July 12, 1956, when the company was consolidated with Union Bag and Paper Corporation. Since that date he has been vice chairman of the board of Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation. The predecessor Camp Manufacturing Company was until 1937 engaged entirely in the lumber business, with plants in Virginia and North and South Carolina. Since it was engaged in cutting second- and third-growth timber on lands accumulated over the years, the management thought it advisable to enter the wood fibre business in order to fully utilize the forests they were growing. Accordingly, a paper mill was built in 1937. The sawmill at Franklin is still operated, but the company has disposed of its other sawmills and is concentrating operations in the Franklin area. At its site there, continuous sawmill operations have gone on since 1856, with the exception of a few years during the Civil War, and this one-hundred-year record is probably unique in the country.

Mr. Camp has been a consistent and devoted supporter of the cause of conservation. His firm has provided forest management advice to all interested parties, has distributed seedlings free for planting, and has itself planted one and three-quarters trees for each one it has harvested. Mr. Camp was one of the founders of Virginia Forests, Inc., whose purpose is to educate private timberland owners throughout the state in efficient methods of timber cutting. He is a director of this organization and of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. He is a trustee of the American Forest Products Industries, Inc., and is vice president and a member of the executive committee of the American Paper and Pulp Association. He is also a director of the National Association of Manufacturers. In his home area, he has business interests apart from his executive role in the lumber and paper firm. He is currently the president and acting chairman of Franklin and Carolina Railroad, director of the National Bank of Commerce of Norfolk, and director of Franklin Concrete Products Corporation.

He is president of the Camp Foundation, and

of the J. L. Camp Foundation which he established. Through this medium, he has made a significant contribution to welfare programs and local causes worthy of support. He also sponsored and founded a Young Men's Christian Association organization in Franklin to establish and coordinate local recreational activities. Taking an intense personal interest in the cause of higher education he has greatly assisted a number of talented students, and has offered several scholarships without any obligation as to future employment. He has sent local educators to national conferences to broaden their horizons. He is a trustee of the University of Richmond, the University of Virginia Graduate School of Business Administration, The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, the National Fund for Medical Education, and Virginia Baptist Children's Home. Upon the occasion of his being chosen Citizen of the Year, The Franklin Business and Professional Women's Club presented the First Citizen Award of 1955 to James Leonidas Camp, Jr., with the following tribute:

For long, continued, humanitarian interest in, and outstanding service to, civic, social, cultural, educational, and charitable activities in the community and state revealed by life and example in a modest and unassuming manner inspiring others to be of commendable service.

Another citation which bears testimony to his place in community life, is here quoted in part from "The Paper Maker":

HONORS TO — J. L. CAMP, JR.—for adding to the august traditions of a Southern timber, lumber and paper enterprise which enjoys the stature of a Southern institution—for his four-square devotion to his home town, to his state, to his country and to his industry for living an intensely active life muted by a benevolent modesty—for ever hewing to the sturdiest virtues in the American grain—for his strong stand in the spiritual ground of his forebears, placing religion and ethical principles high above all other things—for his recognition of cultural values in the rounding out of a true gentleman...

Mr. Camp is a Rotarian, and a member of the Country Club of Virginia, Princess Anne Country Club, Commonwealth Club, The Canadian Club of New York, The Union League Club, Cypress Cove Country Club, Farmington Country Club, Virginia Club, and The Merchants Club. His fraternity is Phi Kappa Sigma. A communicant of the Franklin Baptist Church, he serves his congregation as a deacon. In politics he identifies himself as "a Democrat in Virginia, a Republican nationally."

On May 21, 1918, James Leonidas Camp, Jr., married Mary Frances Clay, daughter of Jefferson L. and Edith (West) Clay. They are the parents of one son: James Leonidas Camp, III, M.D. He is now on the staff of the Medical School, University of Virginia, at Charlottesville. He is mar-

ried to the former Miss Jane Geuting of Philadelphia, and they have one son, James Leonidas, IV.

WILLIAM McCUTCHEON CAMP—Member of a family long identified with leadership in the Lower Tidewater's lumber industry, William McCutcheon Camp has brought vision and ability to the considerable number of offices he has held, in business connections and among his fellow industrialists. He was vice chairman of the board of Camp Manufacturing Company at the time of its merger to form Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation, and is now a director of the latter organization. He has filled other corporate posts; has been a leader in Virginia Forests, Inc., and other lumbermen's groups; and has worked effectively on behalf of the causes of education and community welfare.

Born at Franklin on January 24, 1900, he is a son of James Leonidas and Caroline (Savage) Camp. His father, a founder of Camp Manufacturing Company, is the subject of a separate biographical sketch in this work, as is his brother, James L., Jr. After beginning his education in the public schools of Franklin, William M. Camp entered Woodberry Forest School in Virginia, where he was a student from 1915 to 1919. While there, he played on the football team in 1917-1918, and was manager of the basketball team in the latter year. He was also a member of the school's glee club and choir. From 1919 to 1923 Mr. Camp attended the University of Virginia. While there he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, the Eli Banana Social Club, the P. K. Social Club, and the Glee Club, and was assistant manager of the baseball team in 1922.

In 1923 he began his connection with the Camp Manufacturing Company at its Marion, South Carolina, plant. He became vice president and a director of the corporation in 1925, and filled both offices until 1955. During much of that time he continued his residence in Marion, and while there was in charge of the woods and lumber operations of the Camp Manufacturing Company. In 1937 he was appointed to the State Forestry Commission of South Carolina by Governor Bernard R. Maybank, and served on the board until his return to Virginia in 1943. He also served as a director of Southern Hardwood Producers, Inc., Southern Pine Association, and was a member of the Southern Hardwood Defense Committee, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., from 1940 until the end of World War II. Also while living in Marion, he served on the school board; as chairman of the board of deacons of the Marion Baptist Church; as member of South Carolina's board of the Boy Scouts of America; as a member of the South Carolina Demo-



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cratic State Committee; and as a director of the Marion National Bank.

When he came to Franklin in 1943, he assumed duties as vice president in charge of land, timber and lumber operations, a position he held until 1955. At that time he was named vice chairman of the board of Camp Manufacturing Company, and continued in that post until May 1956, when the company merged with the Union Bag and Paper Corporation to form the present Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation, with which he continued as a director.

The place of leadership which he has long held in the lumber industry, and the vision he has brought to the solution of its problems, are reflected in the following paragraphs from an article concerning him in the pages of the magazine *Wood and Wood Products*, April 1955, issue:

One of the first lumber companies in America to recognize that the rapid growth of new lumber more than offset the cost of taxes on the land was Camp Mfg. Co., Franklin, Va. Closely associated with the firm's reforestation program and now fully in charge is W. M. "Bill" Camp, vice president in charge of the Lumber Division, responsible for timber lands, forestry, logging and wood procurement... Bill Camp has not limited his foresight to an intelligent forest management policy governing his own company's holdings. He has carried the gospel to others while serving on the boards of Southern Hardwood Producers, Inc., and Southern Pine Association, and as a board member and vice president of Virginia Forests, Inc., an organization set up for the advancement of forestry and conservation in Virginia.

Under his guidance local farmers plant pine seedlings under the direction of Camp foresters and find a lucrative market for their natural stands of pine which they saw into 5 ft. lengths and deliver by truck to the Camp yards.

Bill Camp has been equally foresighted in "lightening the load" wherever possible. He believes in up-to-date methods, whether they entail using a tractor instead of a mule to skid logs, the installation of more up-to-date kilns, or replacing the rail method of getting logs out of the woods with trucks, trailers and river barges...

In regard to the Southern Pine Association, Mr. Camp served on its board of directors from 1947 to 1954. Since 1950 he has been vice president and a director of Virginia Forests, Inc. He has been interested likewise in promoting the overall industrial progress of his area and the South generally. He is a member of the Committee on Southern Development of the National Planning Association, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., and is a director of the Atlantic Rural Exposition, with headquarters in Richmond. He is a member of the board of trustees of The Tidewater Virginia Development Council, with headquarters at Norfolk. His business interests, apart from his executive connection with the Union Bag-Camp organization, include service on the boards of directors of Tidewater Teleradio, Inc., and Vaughan and Company, Bankers, at Franklin. Since 1942 he has been

a director of the Franklin-Carolina Railroad. He is vice president and director of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Another of his major interests is the cause of education. He was president of the Alumni Association of Woodberry Forest School from 1946 to 1948 and served on the board of trustees for Woodberry Forest School from 1946 to 1950. From 1948 to 1954, he was a member of the board of managers of the University of Virginia Alumni Association. Much of his effort in the direction of welfare work has been channeled through Camp Foundation, of which he has been a director since it was established in 1942. He has also served as chairman of its Committee on Community and Recreational Work, and in that capacity has worked with the town and schools on recreation, and with Negro ministers and church groups. He formed the Carrie S. Camp Foundation in 1948, in memory of his mother, which Foundation is also charitable.

When a plaque was unveiled at the Franklin Public Swimming Pool on August 19, 1949, its inscription paid tribute to his efforts:

This plaque erected by the grateful citizens of Franklin in appreciation of the leadership of the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of the generosity and interest of Camp Mfg. Co., and especially its representative, William M. Camp, making possible this recreational facility for the Franklin Community.

Active in the Franklin Baptist Church, Mr. Camp joined its board of deacons in 1948, and was chairman of the board in 1951. Farming is an avocation of the industrial executive. He has six hundred acres at Holliknoll, where he has developed a herd of three hundred head of registered Guernsey cattle.

On January 2, 1923, William McCutcheon Camp married Edith West Clay, daughter of Jefferson Leon Clay and Edith West Clay. The couple are the parents of two children: i. William McCutcheon, Jr., who was born on November 6, 1927. He married Shirley Steinbach on November 28, 1954, and they have two children: i. Carrie Luanne, born October 16, 1955. ii. Francis Hollis, born April 3, 1957. 2. Leon Clay, born October 8, 1930. On June 5, 1952, he married June Page, and they likewise have two children: i. Leon Clay, Jr., born May 9, 1953. ii. June Page, born September 30, 1954.

HUGH DOUGLAS CAMP—Executive vice president of the Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation, was born at Franklin, Virginia, on April 4, 1903, son of James L. and Caroline (Savage) Camp. His father, one of the founders of the company whose record accompanies, and its vice president

and general manager in its early years, died in December 1925.

Beginning his education in the Franklin public schools, Hugh D. Camp attended the high school there before entering Woodberry Forest School to complete his secondary studies. For three years he was a student at the University of Virginia, and he also took courses at Philadelphia Textile School. He did not immediately enter the family business, but began his career in the textile field, joining The Simmons Company at Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. In the course of his eleven years with this organization, he advanced to a vice presidency, and was general superintendent of its Roanoke and Patterson textile mills.

In January 1937, Chesapeake-Camp Corporation was formed and incorporated, and two weeks later he joined this firm as general manager of paper production. Under his capable direction the company made rapid strides in increasing the volume of its paper production. It resumed the name of Camp Manufacturing Company (by which it had been known in the early years of its existence), in 1945. Meantime, Hugh D. Camp had advanced to a vice presidency, and was made executive vice president in 1954. He became president of the firm in March 1956, and was also a member of its board of directors. Since July 12, 1956, when the firm became Union Bag-Camp Paper Corporation, Mr. Camp has been its executive vice president.

Mr. Camp is likewise a director of the First Merchants Bank of Richmond and the Vaughan and Company Bank in Franklin.

He is a Rotarian, and a member of the Commonwealth Club of Richmond and Phi Kappa fraternity. As a devotee of golf, he holds membership in the Richmond Country Club, Farmington Country Club, Cypress Cove Country Club and Princess Anne Country Club. He is also fond of boating. He is a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and serves on its vestry.

At Selma, Alabama, on April 20, 1927, Hugh D. Camp married Ada Norris Coleman of that city, daughter of Frederick and Louise (Compton) Coleman. Mr. and Mrs. Camp have a daughter, Caroline Compton, who is now the wife of Frank R. Motley of Abingdon, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Motley have two children: Mary and Hugh Camp Motley.

CAMP MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.

—Beginning its existence seventy years ago as Camp Manufacturing Company, continuing in the mid-1930s and 1940s as Chesapeake-Camp Corporation, the firm now known as Camp Manufacturing Company is a major industry of Franklin and the Lower Tidewater region. It gives employment to over a thousand persons, and manufactures lumber

and a variety of products derived from the forest. The name of Camp is still prominent on its management roster. James L. Camp, Jr., is its president, Hugh D. Camp, executive vice president and William M. Camp, vice president. It was founded by three other bearers of the name—Paul D., James L. and Robert J. Camp—on November 2, 1887, shortly after the purchase of a mill from Johnson Neely. It was on that day that the first meeting of stockholders was held and the corporate charter issued. Paul D. Camp became president; James L. Camp, vice president and general manager; and Robert J. Camp, secretary and treasurer. The mill which they took over had been operating as a pine sawmill since 1856, and is today probably the oldest such mill in continuous operation at the same location in the United States. Robert Johnson Neely and his older brother William had built it, and began lumber operations there as the R. J. and W. Neely Lumber Company.

Under the management of the Camp Manufacturing Company, additional lands were acquired, and in 1891 the mill was remodeled to develop a capacity of about seventy-five thousand feet of lumber per day, with "a planing mill in connection therewith for the manufacture of dressed lumber, such as flooring, weatherboarding and other smooth, finished lumber." In May 1896, the firm took its first step in expanding outside the Franklin area. A mill was established at Arringdale, Virginia, twenty miles to the west on the A. and D. Railway. Its productive capacity enabled the company to greatly increase output of lumber from the two hundred and fifty million feet of timber which it then owned. Six years after the Arringdale plant had opened, another sawmill was established at Holdsworth Siding in Dinwiddie County, and was known as the Butterworth Plant. The three mills had a combined daily capacity of over three hundred thousand feet by 1907. In addition, the company was heavily invested in mills at Marion, South Carolina, and Wilmington, North Carolina. It employed a total of over eighteen hundred persons. An affiliate, Wiley, Harker and Camp Company, was organized as a wholesale distributing firm with headquarters in New York City, to place the output of North Carolina pine on the market in various states.

In 1914, R. J. Camp, who had been secretary and treasurer of the firm since 1887, died. The death of Paul D. Camp occurred in February 1924; and with the death of James L. Camp in December of the following year, the organization lost the last of its founding partners. Prior to 1925, the following members of the family had joined the organization: J. M. Camp, son of P. D. Camp, in 1905; Robert G. Camp, son of J. L., in 1907; P. R. Camp, son

of P. D., in January 1909; George F., son of B. F., in 1910; Vaughn Camp, son of R. J., in 1913; James L., Jr., on September 1, 1915; and William M., another son of James L., Sr., in 1922. Meantime, in 1914, the Camp Fear plant had been moved to Wallace, North Carolina. Four years later the Butterworth mill was closed, and in 1922, operations at Arringdale ceased after twenty-six years. In their places new mills were established, two being at St. Stephens and South Marion, in South Carolina.

In 1936, the decision was made to enter the pulp and paper business at Franklin, and on December 11, a charter was granted to a new firm known as the Chesapeake-Camp Corporation. It engaged in the manufacture, buying and selling of wood pulp, kraft paper, and wood, timber and paper products. On January 15, 1937, construction of a new mill began, and two weeks later Hugh D. Camp, youngest son of James L., who had been an official of a North Carolina textile firm, was employed as general manager of the new paper operation. On January 1, 1938, the corporation began operating the pulp and paper mill with a capacity of one hundred and fifty tons per day. In 1940, decision was made to consolidate interest in the Franklin properties, and arranged purchase of Chesapeake Corporation's interest in Chesapeake-Camp. A merger followed this transaction, and the old Camp Manufacturing Company was merged into Chesapeake-Camp Corporation. Further consolidation, in 1943, led to closing of mills at St. Stephens and Marion, South Carolina.

In 1945, with all operations under one management, the name of the firm was changed to its present form, Camp Manufacturing Company, Incorporated. The following year, paper production was stepped up to one hundred and ninety tons per day. In 1947, the company became affiliated with Stocker Manufacturing Company of Netcong, New Jersey, and began supervision of finished paper products at that place. Production of kraft paper had increased to three hundred and fifty tons per day by late 1950. Three years later the company effected merger of the Wortendyke Manufacturing Company, and closing of this transaction in March 1953, gave the company control of the entire production process from growing timber to sale of finished paper products. Afterwards a bleaching plant was completed and operations were begun there in November 1953.

By 1955, as the industrial plant across the Blackwater River from Franklin drew close to the completion of a full century of operation—two-thirds of it under Camp management—the company was employing over a thousand persons at that location. Ownership of stock has been widely distributed, and there are as many stockholders as employees.

The plant occupies an area six times the size of the original Neely purchase a century ago. The lumber division produces a thousand feet of lumber per day; the paper division, three hundred and fifty tons of brown and white paper daily.

The present management roster of the Camp Manufacturing Company includes the names of James L., Jr., Hugh D., and William M. Camp (president, executive vice president and vice president respectively); Walter C. Shorter, vice president; John C. Parker, general counsel and secretary and treasurer; S. A. Lipscomb, Jr., controller and assistant secretary; and John M. Camp, Jr., assistant treasurer.

FRANK DUDLEY LAWRENCE—President of the American National Bank of Portsmouth, Frank Dudley Lawrence has been one of the notable figures of the Tidewater area during the past half-century. Banker, civic leader, and sportsman, he is one of Portsmouth's first citizens in community service, having devoted a great deal of tireless effort to the development of its commercial and organizational life.

Mr. Lawrence was born on March 15, 1891, in Portsmouth, son of John Wesley and Virginia (Hobday) Lawrence of that city. Both parents are now deceased. The banker attended the public schools of Portsmouth, and graduated from its high school in 1907. In June of that year he began his banking career as a runner at the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Portsmouth. After eleven and a half years there, he resigned to organize the American National Bank of Portsmouth. To place the new organization on a sound financial footing, he sold capital stock of a quarter of a million dollars in ten days.

When the bank opened its doors in 1919, Mr. Lawrence began as cashier. He advanced to the vice presidency in 1929, and was elected president in 1943, the position in which he has served ever since. He has been a major force in assuring the success of the bank, one of the stronger financial institutions in the Tidewater area.

The American National Bank is a successor to the old Bank of Portsmouth, the conversion occurring on June 23, 1919, with resources totalling only a little more than a million dollars. Under the new name and management, its history has been one of steady progress. As of the close of business on December 31, 1958, total resources had reached more than twenty-five million dollars, and deposits nearly twenty-four million dollars—a substantial gain even as compared with figures reached on the same date in 1955. The bank at present has capital stock of five hundred thousand dollars, surplus of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars,

and undivided profits of three hundred thousand dollars. Besides Mr. Lawrence, the officers of the American National Bank are Edward C. Allen, senior vice president; Virginia L. Hall, vice president; John E. Scott, vice president; Richard B. Ames, vice president; Maurice Gompf, cashier; John E. Adams, George D. Foreman, Raymond J. Lawrence, Joe E. Daughtrey, Madeline E. Gibson and Annie W. Cross, assistant cashiers; and Clyde W. Cooper, and William B. Spong, Jr., attorneys. Directors are Frank D. Lawrence, Clyde W. Cooper, R. E. Hawks, M. H. Rapoport, Norman R. Hamilton, E. C. Allen, George H. Carr, Jr., H. E. Dorin, W. T. Goode, Jr., L. W. I'Anson, S. Lasting, William R. Spong, Jr., and J. H. Sykes.

Portsmouth's only national bank, this institution has also been the longest in continuous existence, and is the largest of the city's banks. It has complete banking facilities, and is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Virginia Bankers Association, and the American Bankers Association. The main office is at 234 High Street, and there are drive-in locations at 1107 High Street, 2421 Airline Boulevard, and 1530 Washington Highway (Cradock Branch).

Mr. Lawrence is also a director of the Citizens Trust Company of Portsmouth. Besides his activities as a banker, he has long played a constructive part in the general life of the city and Tidewater Virginia. He was designated Portsmouth's First Citizen in 1942, in recognition of his civic accomplishments. His personal vigor and business acumen have been reflected in all the endeavors in which he has participated. In 1919 he organized the Kiwanis Club, and in 1921 became its second president. He has been active in, and served in 1919 as president of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is interested in work with underprivileged children.

From 1936 to 1947, Mr. Lawrence served on the Portsmouth City Council, and he was recognized as one of its most active members and hardest workers. He was an organizer and early supporter, one of the mainstays, of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce and the Portsmouth Industrial Foundation, serving on their boards of directors for a number of years. He has been active in all Community Chest campaigns, has served as co-chairman in war bond drives, and has participated in countless other undertakings for the benefit of community or country.

Interested in sports from the beginning of his career, Mr. Lawrence has taken a particular interest in baseball for nearly a half-century. He was president of the Portsmouth Cubs, in the Piedmont League, and, in 1943, was selected as the outstanding minor league baseball official of the year. At

ceremonies in the Portsmouth Stadium, over eight thousand of his fellow citizens paid him tribute when the plaque was presented. Among them was Governor Darden, who particularly praised Mr. Lawrence for his activities on behalf of war-bond sales. He was forced out of baseball in 1955 because of major league invasion of minor league territory and has a \$250,000.00 suit pending against the Major Leagues and Commissioner Ford Frick in the New York Federal Courts.

In Portsmouth, on January 31, 1928, Frank Dudley Lawrence married Margarette C. Peed of that city, daughter of the late James Neville and the late Martha Ann (Corbitt) Peed of Southampton, Virginia. They have three children: 1. James N. P., physicist at Los Alamos, New Mexico. 2. Doris, who is now the wife of Gerald Hendry of Long Beach, California. 3. Ann Elizabeth, now Mrs. Robert Stephenson of Richmond. Three other sons by a previous marriage are: Frank Dudley, Jr., a businessman in Portsmouth; Raymond J., assistant cashier of the American National Bank of Portsmouth; and John W., a businessman in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence make their home at Pinehurst, in Norfolk County; known as "Home Plate" because of Mr. Lawrence's activities in baseball.

WILLIAM RALPH VAN BUREN, JR.—

Newspaper publishing has been the major interest of William Ralph Van Buren, Jr., since the early years of his career. As secretary and assistant treasurer of The Daily Press, Inc., of Newport News, he holds a responsible post in the organization which publishes both the "Daily Press" and the "Times Herald." He is also an executive of the Hampton Roads Broadcasting Corporation.

Born at Norfolk on August 21, 1914, he is a son of Captain William Ralph Van Buren. His father, who earned his rank in the department of supply of the United States Navy, is now president of Daily Press, Inc. The younger William R. Van Buren attended St. Albans School in Washington, D. C., completed his preparatory courses there with his graduation in 1933. He then entered the College of William and Mary, which he attended for three and one-half years.

Early in his career, Mr. Van Buren joined The Daily Press, Inc. He gained valuable experience working in its various departments before he was named assistant secretary and assistant treasurer in 1942. He has retained the assistant treasurership, and was later named secretary of the corporation. The Newport News "Daily Press," from which the corporation takes its name, is a morning paper, and the firm also

publishes the city's evening paper, the "Times Herald." As is so often the case, the newspaper publishing interests also control the local broadcasting facilities, and Mr. Van Buren holds the offices of assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the Hampton Roads Broadcasting Corporation. In addition, he is secretary and assistant treasurer of the Southern Colorprint Corporation.

Mr. Van Buren was absent from his executive chair in the news publishing firm at the time of World War II. He entered the United States Army in 1942 and served until 1946, attaining the rank of master sergeant.

Consistently a hard worker for community causes, Mr. Van Buren received the Young Man of the Year Award of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1948. At the present time he is a director of the Virginia Peninsula Association of Commerce. He is a member of the Lions Club of Hampton, and was its president in 1948. He is also active in Masonry, being a member of St. Tammany Lodge No. 5, and Newport News Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He holds the Thirty-second degree and is a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member, and past president of the Peninsula Shrine Club. His fraternity is Pi Kappa Alpha. He and his family attend St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton. Mr. Van Buren's hobby is photography.

On June 23, 1951, in Edinburg, Virginia, he was united in marriage with Anna Lee Hite of that city, daughter of M. Lloyd and Anna Hite.

LEONARD H. DAVIS—As city attorney of Norfolk, Leonard H. Davis is continuing a long period of public service begun when he took office as assistant police justice of the city in 1941. Before assuming his present office he was police justice and an officer in the armed forces in World War II. As a lawyer he was in private practice, alone and with partners, for a few years.

Mr. Davis was born in Portsmouth on January 16, 1909, the son of Leonard H. and Lula L. (Allen) Davis. His father was born in Williamsburg, his mother in Henrico County. The senior Mr. Davis, who died in 1925 at the age of sixty-six, was with the Portsmouth City Water Department for many years and then for five years with the Norfolk Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation. Lula Davis now makes her home in Portsmouth.

The city attorney received his early education in Portsmouth. Graduated from high school in

1925, he then attended Washington and Lee University for five years, taking his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1930. He started his practice in Norfolk and has remained there through the years. In 1937, he formed a partnership with S. Burnell Bragg. Later he, Harvey E. White and Louis Lee Guy formed the law firm of White, Guy and Davis. In 1940, this firm became White and Davis. On September 1, 1941, Mr. Davis was appointed assistant police justice of Norfolk, but he continued his private law practice.

In 1943 Mr. Davis took a military leave from both his judicial post and his law firm and went on active duty with the United States Army Air Forces. He served overseas as an officer until released to inactive status in November 1945. In January 1944, when he was still in the armed forces, Mr. Davis was elected police justice but his military leave was extended. On January 1, 1946, he began actively serving as police justice. He retained this judicial post until July 1, 1954, when he was appointed assistant city attorney. On January 1, 1955, he was elected city attorney for a four-year term. His office is in the Norfolk City Hall Building.

Mr. Davis is a member of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, the Virginia Bar Association, American Bar Association; Cosmopolitan Club of Norfolk, the Virginia Club and the Pyramid Club of Norfolk. In politics he is a Democrat and in religion an Episcopalian.

On April 30, 1938, in Norfolk, Mr. Davis married Alice Covington, daughter of the Reverend Dr. Henry H. and Marie L. (Lee) Covington, both of whom were born in South Carolina. Dr. Covington, who early in life studied law but later heeded the call to the ministry, was for many years rector of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Norfolk. He died in 1932. His widow, who is a native of historic Sumter, continues to make her home in Norfolk. Mrs. Davis, who has long been active in social and club circles, is a past president of the King's Daughters of Norfolk. She and her husband have one daughter, Lucy Lee, who was born on February 14, 1950. Their home is at 1415 West Princess Anne Road.

JOHN DAVID CORBELL, 3rd—In addition to the capable performance of his duties as chief clerk of the city of Norfolk, and his work as a member of municipal bodies, John David Corbell, 3rd, has distinguished himself as a civic leader and historian.

He was born at Surry Court House, Virginia, on October 4, 1897, son of the late Dr. John David Corbell, a beloved physician of that place, and his wife, the former Belia Dearing. Receiving his early education in the public schools, John D. Corbell,

3rd, went on to the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg. He came to Norfolk in 1918, and served as deputy city clerk from April 1, 1921, until his elevation to city clerk on June 30, 1930. He also serves as executive secretary of the Norfolk Port Traffic Commission, City Planning Commission and Advisory Commission on Public Health, and is past vice president of Leigh Memorial Hospital.

His memberships include the Cosmopolitan Club, Virginia Club, Norfolk German Club, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, and Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Norfolk.

Maintaining a lifelong interest in Virginia history, he owns one of the finest private collections of volumes on this subject to be found in the state, comprising many rare first editions and works long out of print. Mr. Corbell serves as historian for the Order of Cape Henry No. 1607. The annual Cape Henry pilgrimage, held each April, observes the initial landing of the first permanent English settlers in America, in 1607. The Norfolk city clerk takes a particular interest in maintaining the observance of such events, and fostering recognition of the region's history-rich past. He was a dominant figure in the programming of the 1957 observances of the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

On October 4, 1941, in Norfolk, John David Corbell, 3rd, married Miss Louise Gibbs Kerr, formerly of Savannah, Georgia.

H. WALTER WHICHARD—A significant figure in Norfolk's civic and business life over the past half-century has been H. Walter Whichard. Co-founder of Whichard Brothers Company, Inc., wholesale dry goods firm, in 1900, he has been its president through most of the intervening years. He is active in community organizations and in the work of his church.

Born on March 23, 1875, at Whichard, in Pitt County, North Carolina, the merchandising executive is a son of the late Willis Randolph and Mary Ann Amanda (Gurganus) Whichard. His father, a farmer and merchant, exercised considerable influence in county and state political affairs. One of seven sons, H. Walter Whichard passed his boyhood on the family farm and, following his early education in the public schools of Pitt County, attended Greenville College, Greenville, North Carolina. In the early years of his manhood, he divided his time between serving as postmaster of Whichard and operating his father's country store. For a time he worked on the staff of the Greenville Daily Reflector as a journalist.

In 1900 Mr. Whichard came to Norfolk to live and, in July of that year, joined his brother, the

late Claude L. Whichard, and two other Norfolk businessmen, H. M. Hardee and Merriweather Winston, in founding the Winston, Hardee & Whichard Company. The original location of the company was on Commerce Street between Main and Water streets. By the time a new location was chosen on Main Street, at the head of Randolph Street, seven years later, the Whichard brothers were in sole charge; they having bought the other partners' interests and assumed the present firm style of Whichard Brothers Company, Inc. Three years later, in 1910, they erected a four story brick building at 108-110 Randolph Street, which has been the headquarters of the firm ever since.

Claude L. Whichard was secretary-treasurer and financial manager of Whichard Brothers Company, Inc., until his death in 1931. Since 1907, when the company took its present name, H. Walter Whichard has been president and merchandise manager, and, since 1931, he has performed both functions. As one of the region's older business institutions, Whichard Brothers serves people living in Virginia and eastern North Carolina, and owes much of its success to long-standing friendships and favorable customer relationships established in its early days. It adheres to high standards in the wholesale dry good trade.

Having worked long and effectively in building up the organization, H. Walter Whichard in recent years has delegated some of the responsibilities of management to W. T. Hatfield, a young business man of Norfolk, who has advanced to the position of executive vice president.

Throughout a most interesting period of Norfolk's growth and development, Mr. Whichard's contributions and efforts have been woven into the fabric of the city's life. He is generally regarded as one of its most useful citizens. A member of the Chamber of Commerce, he is past chairman of its naval and armed forces committee. He helped to organize the old Board of Trade, and also the Norfolk Community Chest and the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a charter member of the board of directors of the Bank of Virginia, formerly the Morris Plan Bank and now one of the largest financial institutions in the state.

For many years a communicant of old St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mr. Whichard has served as senior warden of the church several terms, and is now serving as chairman of the endowment board. He has also held for several terms a seat on the executive board of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. The oldest member of the Norfolk German Club, he formerly served as its president; and he is a charter member of the Norfolk Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the Virginia Club, a charter member of the Princess Anne Country Club.

and a member of the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.

Over the past fifty years, Mr. Whichard has been affiliated with the Masonic order, and is now an honorary life member of Ruth Lodge No. 89, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Also belonging to the higher bodies of the order, he is a charter member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On October 25, 1911, at Raleigh, H. Walter Whichard married Pattie Carroll, daughter of Owen Judson and Mary Ann (Sutherland) Carroll. Mrs. Whichard is a direct descendant of Charles Carroll (1737-1832), American patriot, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and resident of Carrollton Manor, Maryland. In the maternal line, she is a direct descendant of the Duke of Sutherland in Scotland. Her father was born on the Carroll Plantation in Simpson County, North Carolina. He served with the Confederate States Army in the closing years of the war, and became prominent in the public affairs of Raleigh, where he died in 1900. His wife, the former Mary Ann Sutherland, died in that city in 1925.

Mrs. Whichard is a graduate of St. Mary's Junior College of Raleigh and throughout the years has been active in philanthropic work, children's welfare causes, and social and cultural affairs, including the program of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. She is a life member and past president of St. Mary's Junior College Alumnae. Engaged in social service for nearly three decades, she served the Norfolk Chapter of the American Red Cross, and has been active on behalf of Travelers Aid, the Norfolk Community Chest, and the Children's Welfare Board. In cultural directions, she is a member of the Virginia Poetry Society, and the Society of the Arts, in Norfolk. As a communicant of old St. Paul's Episcopal Church, she is active in its affairs, and she has also served as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Walter Whichard are the parents of two children: 1. Carroll, a graduate of Vassar College in New York State, who married the late Elliot MacSwain, a native of Berkeley, California. A son, Bruce, was born of this marriage; and by a previous marriage, Mr. MacSwain had another son, Duncan. 2. Rev. H. Walter, Jr., now rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Suffolk, Virginia. He graduated from Maury High School, and attended the University of Florida for two years. He then transferred to George Washington University, where he majored in history and international relations. On graduation he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts, and immediately afterwards took a position on the staff of the Washington "Evening Star," becoming a reporter and also

working in the paper's library. He left the "Star" to enter Virginia Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, where he studied for two years. Before taking his third and final year at the seminary, he went to the Southwest for a year and a half as a missionary. He was first at the Good Shepherd Mission at Fort Defiance, Arizona, where he worked among the Navajos and in an orphanage, later going on to Phoenix and Tucson, from whence he covered five missions on the desert and also an army camp near Florence. Also while in Arizona, he did missionary work for the Japanese internment camp at Casa Grande. The Rev. H. Walter Whichard, Jr., received his degree of Bachelor of Divinity at Virginia Episcopal Seminary, and was ordained in October 1944 as a deacon, the ordination being conducted at his home church, St. Paul's, by Bishop William Brown. In May 1945 he was ordained into the priesthood at Good Shepherd Church in South Richmond, by Bishop Brown. He was then called to Mecklenburg County, where he was given six churches. Later, returning to the Southwest, he became assistant rector of St. Philip's in the Hills at Tucson, and chaplain of Episcopal students at the University of Arizona. Still later he served as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brady, Texas, for five and a half years, after which he became rector of Christ Episcopal Church at Blacksburg, Virginia, and chaplain of students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Since June 1955 he has been rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Suffolk, Virginia.

The Whichard family home is at 603 Redgate Avenue, Norfolk.

CLAUDE LINDEN WHICHARD, SR., was a native of Pitt County, North Carolina, born at Whichard the son of Willis Randolph and Mary Ann Amanda (Gurganus) Whichard. He was a descendant of John Whichard (d. 1772) who settled in 1750 in Pitt County, then part of Beaufort County, within a short distance of where some of his posterity still reside. John Whichard was born in Princess Anne County, Virginia, the son of a sheriff and justice of that county and the great-grandson of James Whichard who settled there in 1654. John Whichard married Joyce, daughter of William Langley, granddaughter of James Thelaball, an early Huguenot settler, and great-granddaughter of Lieutenant Francis Mason, officer of militia, churchwarden, sheriff, and justice of Lower Norfolk as early as 1637, who came to Virginia in 1613.

Claude L. Whichard passed his boyhood years on the Whichard ancestral farm, receiving his education in the county's public schools in which he later taught for several years. Taking a business course at Louisville, Kentucky, he came to Norfolk in the early 1850s and was employed for a time as a

bookkeeper in the cotton brokerage firm of C. C. Cobb. He later held a similar position with the general insurance firm of George W. Dey and Sons of Norfolk. In July 1900 he joined his brother, H. Walter Whichard (q.v.), in founding the wholesale dry goods firm now so well known as Whichard Brothers Company, Inc. It is one of the oldest business enterprises in continuous existence to this day in Norfolk. Claude L. Whichard continued as secretary-treasurer and credit manager, successfully conducting the firm's finances, until his death on January 13, 1931.

He was very active as a member of the Freemason Street Baptist Church from 1895, serving on its board of deacons for twenty-five years, and as church clerk for thirty years. He was a member of Ruth Lodge No. 29, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, serving as its master in 1910, and was a member of Khedive Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On December 4, 1901, Claude Linden Whichard, Sr., married Annie Wortham Dey. She is the daughter of George W. and Mary Jane (Toy) Dey, and granddaughter of William and Margaret Catherine (Walters) Dey and of Thomas Dallam and Amelia Ann (Rogers) Toy, all of Norfolk. Mrs. Whichard, who survives her husband and continues to maintain the family home in Norfolk, is a graduate of the Norfolk College for Young Ladies (1887), a life-long member of the Freemason Street Baptist Church, and a charter member of the Norfolk City Union of the King's Daughters. George W. Dey was active for many years in the management of his own insurance firm, George W. Dey and Sons, of Norfolk. He was also a banker. He died in Norfolk on March 1, 1925, at the age of eighty-nine.

Claude L., Sr., and Annie Wortham (Dey), Whichard became the parents of three sons: 1. Rogers Dey (q.v.). 2. Claude Linden, Jr., born July 13, 1909, who attended local grammar and high schools and, from 1927 to 1930, the University of North Carolina, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He is a former member of the Order of De Molay, and he had been a private in Company G, 34th Infantry, Citizens' Military Training Camp, in 1927. From 1942 to 1945, he was a member of the Ground Observer Corps, United States Army Air Corps. He has been engaged in various mercantile pursuits in Norfolk since 1931. 3. George W. Dey, born January 23, 1914, in Norfolk, who completed his formal studies at the Bliss Electrical Institute in Tacoma Park, Maryland, and began his career as a technician for the Virginia Electric and Power Company at Norfolk. During the World War II period, he served with the United States Navy, attaining the rank of chief petty officer. From 1940 to 1941 he was aboard the battleships U. S. S. "Texas," on North Atlantic patrol

and convoy, and from 1942 to 1945 he served aboard the destroyer U. S. S. "Stevenson," engaged in several Pacific amphibious campaigns. Following this he was an instructor in the electrical shop at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, and he is now engaged in the sale of mobile homes in Orlando, Florida. Married to the former Miss Lottie Alligood of Washington, North Carolina, he is the father of a son, George W. Dey Whichard, Jr.

WILLIAM MORTON DEY, Ph.D.—Though not a resident of Norfolk for over fifty years, Dr. William Morton Dey still has close ties here, both family and otherwise. He was born in Norfolk on June 23, 1880, son of George W. and Mary Jane (Toy) Dey, and received his early education locally, including graduation from the historic Norfolk Academy in 1897. After a year at the University of North Carolina, where his uncle, Walter Dallam Toy, was chairman of the Department of Modern Languages, he transferred to the University of Virginia in 1898, and, in June 1902, received both the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from that institution. Entering graduate school at Harvard, where another uncle, Crawford Howell Toy, formerly of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was professor of Semitic Languages and Biblical Literature, he earned a second master's degree in 1904, and, in 1906, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Professor Dey's first post, after leaving graduate school, was that of assistant professor of French at the University of Missouri, where he remained for three years, in the last of which he was acting head of the department. In 1909 the old Modern Languages Department of the University of North Carolina was split; Professor Toy continued to head the German Department and Professor Dey became chairman of the Department of Romance Languages, its first and only chairman for forty years. In 1910 he was married to Ellen Alice, daughter of Captain William W. and Alice (Herbert) Old of Norfolk, and, in 1918, the Deys moved into the lovely old house at the corner of Rosemary Lane and Hillsborough Road in Chapel Hill, where they still live today.

The Romance Languages Department grew greatly under Professor Dey's leadership. He was made Kenan Professor of Romance Languages and Literature in 1934, and, the following year, began a five-year term as chairman of the University's Division of the Humanities. His chief interest in teaching and research lay in the Romantic Movement in France, and his published writings include notes on Romantic poets and novelists, as well as articles on pronunciation and a French grammar in collaboration with André Béziat. In 1949 he was decorated by the French Consul-General, in the name



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of his government, with the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. In June 1950, on the occasion of his seventieth birthday and retirement, William Morton Dey was presented with a two hundred page volume of "Romance Studies" containing articles written by his colleagues and former students.

ROGERS DEY WHICHARD, Ph.D., author of this History of Lower Tidewater Virginia, is a native of the region of which he writes, born in Norfolk, December 10, 1902, son of Claude Linden, Sr., and Annie Wortham (Dey) Whichard. He was a student in the Norfolk public schools, Maury High School, Lycée Louis-le-Grand, Paris, and the University of North Carolina, Bachelor of Arts, 1924. In 1924-25 he attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, and he was engaged in the export and shipping business from 1925 to 1936. For the following ten years he was an instructor and graduate student at the University of North Carolina, receiving his Master of Arts degree in 1938 and that of Doctor of Philosophy in 1946. For one year he was assistant professor of Romance Philology at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, and, for one summer session in 1948, he was assistant professor of French at the University of North Carolina. Coming to the College of William and Mary, Norfolk Division, in 1947, he is now associate professor of Modern Languages with an advancement to a full professorship in Romance Languages recommended for 1960.

From 1942 to 1945 he was in the United States Navy, having entered the Naval Reserve in 1941 with the rank of lieutenant, and he saw active serv-

ice in the Normandy invasion and occupation in 1944. He has recently completed a tour as commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Intelligence Division, Fifth Naval District, and has held the rank of captain, United States Naval Reserve, since March 1957. He has received the American and European campaign medals, the latter with three combat stars, the Victory Medal, the French Liberation Medal, the Naval Reserve Medal, and the Korean Defense Medal (1951-53).

Dr. Whichard is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, the American Association of University Professors, the United States Naval Institute, the Order of Lafayette, and the Norfolk German Club. During his student days, he became a member of the Philological Club, the Order of Gorgon's Head, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Phi Beta Kappa, all at the University of North Carolina; the Stapler's Club at Harvard; and the alumni group, Association des Anciens Elèves du Lycée Louis-le-Grand. His writings in the historical field, in addition to this work, include "The Society of the Cincinnati and the Phi Beta Kappa Society," in the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography; "A Note on the Identity of Marie de France," in Romance Studies; and numerous articles on local history and genealogy in Norfolk newspapers.

He married, November 11, 1933, Virgilia Mason Nash, daughter of Francis Fitzhugh and Celeste (Jones) Nash of Norfolk. Both the Whichards and Nashes, settled in Lower Norfolk County in the mid-seventeenth century. Dr. and Mrs. Whichard reside at 1215 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk.



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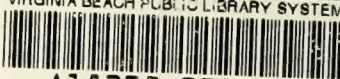
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